

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

FOOLISH
SWIMMERS

WHAT prompts an apparently intelligent man or woman to go swimming in typhoon weather? Is it asinine bravado? Do they have some unnatural fascination for being battered by heavy waves and tossed around like corks in the pounding surf? Or do they merely seek a peculiar kind of fame making newspaper headlines? If the latter we suggest it is hardly worth it—it is a poor price to pay for a life. People who go swimming in that kind of weather not only show no regard for their own safety but apparently do not consider that they are endangering the lives of others who may be called upon to save them.

PERHAPS the most flagrant case was that of the young naval rating who swam 200 yards from Stone Pier to Blake Pier—to win a bet of all things! This was sheer madness. The young man might be perfectly capable of swimming 200 yards or even 2,000 yards in still water, but it is a vastly different proposition swimming 200 yards in the middle of a typhoon when the waves are ten feet high and drifting logs and derelict sampans are being tossed around like footballs in a tornado. People go to less violent extremes to commit suicide. Besides the Police have quite enough to do in a typhoon without having to be bothered by reports of foolhardy escapades in the harbour. Another blatantly stupid act occurred on Saturday night when two young people went swimming at Big Wave Bay and had to be rescued from the heavy surf. The undertow was such that they could easily have been swept away in the night without being noticed by their friends.

THERE were other cases of people foolishly exposing themselves to danger at Big Wave on Saturday afternoon. The red flag was flying, warning swimmers that the sea was dangerous even if they were not intimidated by the sight of the pounding 20-ft breakers. It would have been more sensible to close the beach to swimming entirely and the Urban Council should consider investing the chief life-saver with the necessary authority to stop swimming when the surf does become dangerous. This practice is followed at all Australian surf beaches. As long as the life-savers at Big Wave allow swimming to continue, however, life-saving reels and equipment should be kept near the water's edge in case of an emergency. It was very fortunate indeed that the young alman and his friend were present on Saturday when they saw the two swimmers in distress and they should be commended for their pluck in making the rescues in such circumstances.

IT may be argued that seven rescues in one day is nothing to be alarmed at considering that on Sydney surf beaches that are sometimes as many as 200 rescues in one day. There is no excuse for mass folly either but the Sydney beaches are better equipped and better patrolled and life-savers are trained in special surf rescue methods. Life-saving is a virtually a daily routine there and a heavy surf is by no means uncommon. It is totally different in Hongkong.

SNAP TRAM STRIKE HITS HONGKONG

Many Thousands Forced To Walk To Work

Some 35,000 people, a small part of the 2½ million passengers carried weekly by the Hongkong Tramways, packed into buses and "footed it" to work early this morning when about 100 tramway workers staged a two-hour sympathy strike for 31 ex-employees of the company who had been dismissed.

A picket line, formed by the strikers, surrounded the Tramways' head office and the main depot at Johnston Road 15 minutes before the first west bound tram was due to leave at 5.32 a.m.

As a result of the strategic placement of pickets, who barred all entrances and exits to prevent employees from reporting to work, the first tram was delayed for two hours and did not leave till 7.32 a.m.

However, some thirty minutes after the pickets had successfully blocked all the gates into the depot, a group of about 90 loyal employees believed to be members of the rival union pushed their way through the human chain, flouted the wrath of the agitators and reported for work.

Although the break-through was not effected without a deal of pushing and elbowing, antagonism between the two factions was contained and there was no fighting.

The breach in the lines was instantly filled and the reformed ranks of pickets maintained their positions for two hours.

POLICE READY
The Police, who stood by throughout the strike, did not interfere but were watchful and prepared for any emergency.

Several police vans and cars were parked around the depot and Police foot patrols along the tram lines were strengthened from two to five men.

These patrols did not abandon their vigil even after the departure of the first tram. Shortly before disbanding, the pickets, all of whom sported red arm bands, listened to a short but fiery address by one of their leaders.

The orator, a tramways' employee, decried the wrong done to the 31 dismissed employees and demanded that they be reinstated. He pointed out that by staging a successful picket the workers had gained a moral victory.

He concluded with an order to disband.

COMPANY'S RELIEF
According to Mr C. S. Johnston, Manager of the Hongkong Tramways Ltd., the 130 odd pickets represented less than 10 per cent of the company's employees, who number over 1,500.

He expressed relief that no untoward incidents occurred other than the nuisance and inconvenience caused to passengers, tramway workers and others concerned.

Since early this morning hundreds of people, comprising mainly Dockyard workers and manual labourers, literally covered every inch of the tram "quand" and dispersed slowly when the China Motor Bus Company laid on a full service immediately to cope with the crowds.

Later in the morning, Mr Johnston told the China Mail that the company would not back down on its decision and the 31 workers will not be re-employed.

They were dismissed because of redundancy in the Tramway company.

REPLY SOUGHT
At a press conference held at the Hongkong Tramways Union Headquarters this morning, Mr Chen Lu-choy, Chairman of the Union, said that representatives would be sent to the Labour Department this afternoon to ascertain whether the Tramways had replied to their note of August 26.

The note called for a reply, expected today, on three issues.

The note demanded that (1) the 31 employees be reinstated; (2) No further dismissals should occur without concrete reasons; (3) An improvement in the medical services for the workers.

A meeting of the Union heads might convene tonight to discuss a course of action depending on whether the Tramways check to reply to or ignore the note.

Typhoon Still Playing Havoc

Paris, Aug. 30. Typhoon Ida today interrupted prisoner exchanges at Samson in the Tonkin delta, the French press agency reported.

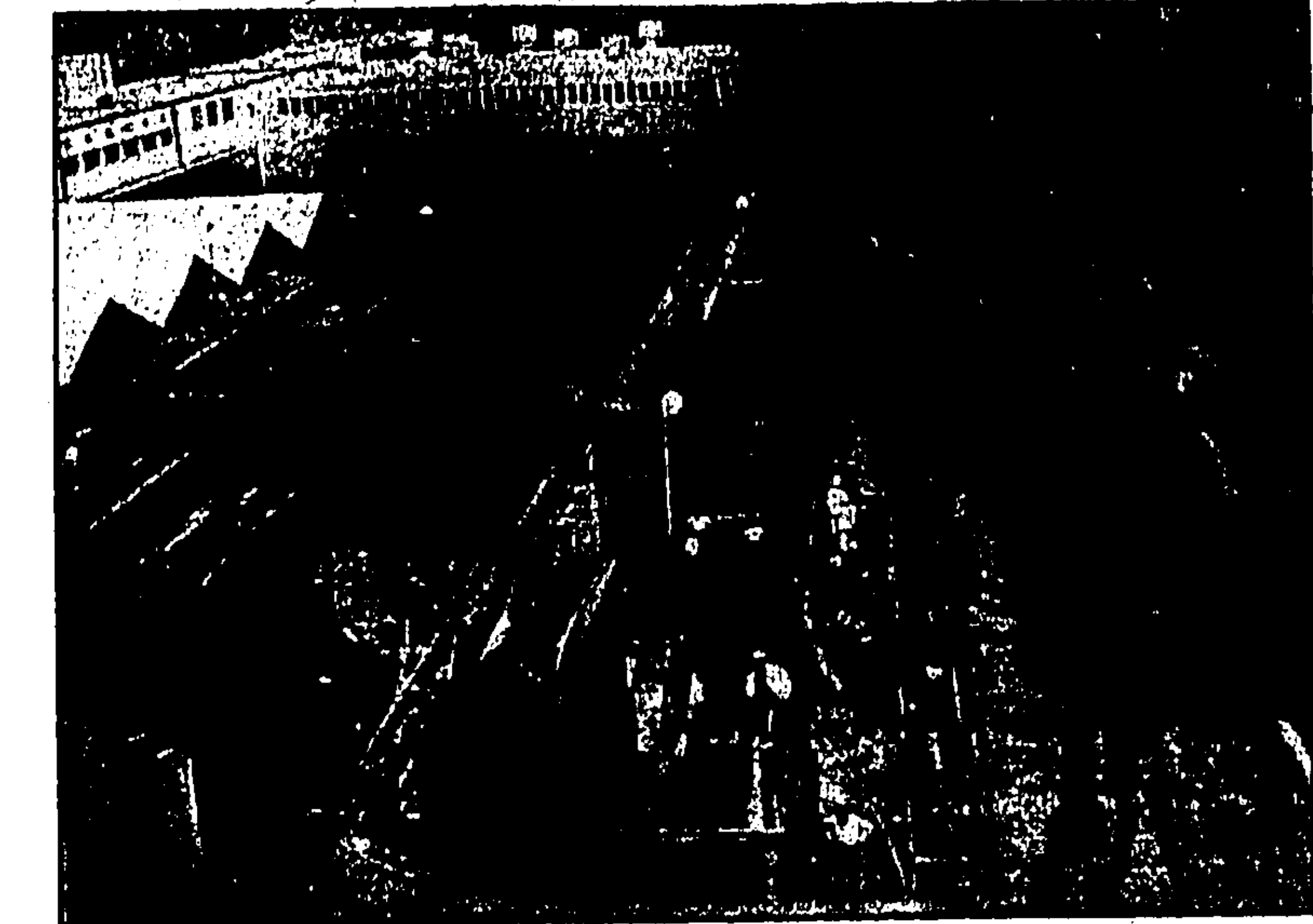
The typhoon brought with it 94-mile-an-hour winds. Ships which left last night to collect French prisoners due to be handed over at Samson today had to return to Haiphong to shelter.

Landing craft which were bringing from Samson a hundred sick prisoners released by the Vietnamese yesterday were rescued from the storm by a sea going tug.

VILLAGE LAID WASTE
Manila, Aug. 31. An entire village in Batanes Islands in northern Luzon was completely laid waste by typhoon Ida which buffeted Luzon for several days and is now over the Chinese mainland.

All houses in Masangon were destroyed by tidal waves whipped up by Ida's 150-mile-per-hour winds.

However, there were no casualties as residents evacuated the village before it was flattened. —France-Press.



The scene inside the Tramway Company sheds this morning when Union pickets outside held up the start of the normal early morning tram timetable for two hours. (Wah Kiu Yat Po Photograph). Another picture appears on P.10.

125 m.p.h. Winds Whip Carolina Coast

400 Trapped By Vicious Atlantic Hurricane

Wilmington, North Carolina, Aug. 30.

A hurricane with top winds of 125 miles an hour whipped the North Carolina coast today, trapping 400 persons on a resort island and flooding the waterfront of New Bern with its advance tides.

Communications to the lonely outer banks, where thousands of "coaster" residents batten down among the dunes, failed rapidly. Coast Guardsmen and private boatmen evacuated scores from the isolated island, Topsail. Tides had rushed across its lifeline bridge spanning the waterway to the mainland.

The Coast Guard cutter Mendota also sent a life-saving crew to the island with a breeches buoy, line-projecting gun and life jackets. As the wind neared hurricane force on the island, 30 miles north of Wilmington, all contact was lost. The tanker Saconnet radioed the Miami Weather Bureau that it had ploughed through 125 miles an hour winds off the North Carolina coast and then entered the comparatively calm "eye" of hurricane "Carol".

BEAUTIFUL RAINBOW
"Carol's eye had a beautiful rainbow," reported the skipper of the 9,833-ton tanker owned by the Socony Vacuum Oil Company of New York.

Black and red hurricane flags fluttered along 250 miles of coastline as the centre of the storm passed about 75 miles eastward of Wilmington. Hurricane winds already had battered the coast to the south, littering beaches with broken power lines and the wreckage of small boats and piers.

The Trent and Neuse Rivers, both tidal streams turned into torrents by the tides worked up by the incoming storm, flooded

about 10 blocks of New Bern. Power failed in the flooded area. Even as "Carol" found a land target after three days of decision off the South Atlantic coast, the Navy investigated a suspicious weather area 100 miles east of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Observers reported an "Easterly wave" attended by 35-mile-an-hour winds and heavy rains, possibly the forerunner of the season's fourth tropical storm.

By 7 p.m. EST (midnight GMT) the centre of the mighty storm, rumbling along at 10 miles an hour, had reached a

point about 80 miles almost directly east of Wilmington, although hurricane force winds had already whipped the coast south of the port city. —United Press.

20 Years To Restore The Abbey

The Westminster Abbey surveyor, Mr Stephen Dykes Bower, told a press conference in London today "It will take 10 years to tackle the most serious part of the restoration, which I expect will continue for the next 20 years."

Sections of the roof timbers 800 years old shown at the conference were honeycombed with holes made by the beetles. Dr Dykes Bower said one of the reasons the beetle had gained such a hold was the use of timber only 60 to 80 years old instead of 200 to 250 years old. The beetle easily attacked the sapwood which still remained. The new timber was being specially treated with sodium pentachlorophenate, an insect killer.

Examination of the main roof timbers had revealed "a most serious state of affairs" almost all had badly decayed from dry rot and beetle activity. It would be three years before the experts were certain that they had overcome the danger from the beetle. — China Mail Special.

100,000 Eggs Broken In Smash

London, Aug. 30. A lorry laden with eggs flattened in a stationary van when it overturned at a road junction in north London today. About 100,000 eggs were broken and scattered over the road. The van driver escaped with only minor injuries. — China Mail Special.

Heavy Shelling Heard In Macao

Macao, Aug. 31. Heavy shelling was heard by Macao residents in the early hours of Saturday morning. The shelling, believed to be done by heavy artillery, could not be explained. — France-Press.

Kashmir Dispute To Go To UNO

Karachi, Aug. 30. The Pakistan Government decided today to refer the dispute with India over the state of Kashmir back to the Security Council. It was authoritatively reported.

The Kashmir dispute has defied all attempts at settlement since it was submitted to the United Nations at the end of 1947. — Reuters.

Attlee Plane May Have MiG Escort Reds Fear Attack By Nationalist Fighters

From Rene MacColl

Hangchow, Aug. 30.

Extraordinary security measures have been taken for tomorrow's flight of Mr Attlee and his Labour Party mission to Canton.

If Communist China was completely happy about its interior communications the delegation would go south along or just inside the coast for about 600 miles in a quick hop to Canton which is last port of call of the Labour mission in China.

But no. The route they will follow calls for a flight almost due West away from the coast to Hankow. There they remain and then perhaps will be escorted by MiG fighters to Canton.

over what people on Formosa may do but there it is. After all, the Communist Chinese have to watch their backs, you recall, after their fighters shot down our ally's planes. The other week, the management of Canton's "White Cloud" airport said only one British plane had any right to search for survivors. So when you get that sort of peaceful co-existence treaty from Canton, it's hard to make sure that Attlee and Co. get to Canton anyway.

No Time Wasted After French Vote

NEW PLANS TO REPLACE E.D.C.

Swift Moves By Big 3

Following the French rejection of the E.D.C. treaty by 319 votes to 264 in the National Assembly in Paris last night, there were these developments in Paris, Washington and London:

● **PARIS**—One minister — the Minister of Labour, M. Eugene Claudius Petit, a supporter of the European Army plan — announced he would resign from the Cabinet. He said two other ministers would resign as well.

The French Cabinet is now expected to put forward new proposals for European defence system in which Britain and France would take part on completely equal terms within the central framework of the Atlantic pact. Germany would also be included in the scheme.

The Premier, M. Mendes-France said "France remains unfailingly and unreservedly attached to the Atlantic Alliance which has always been its rule and which will remain so. I hope very soon our Allies and the countries which have the same interests as France will find themselves in the presence of clear decisions".

● **WASHINGTON**—President Eisenhower described the rejection of EDC as a "major setback in the fight against international Communism".

State Department officials said an international meeting would be organised in the next few weeks to set up a new Western European Security system which would include all the E.D.C. powers as well as Britain and America. Officials expected Sir Winston Churchill to telephone Mr Eisenhower immediately to discuss the consequences of the French Assembly's action.

● **LONDON**—The British Government will give full backing to the direct admission of Western Germany into NATO. The news of the French Assembly's rejection was received with "very great regret" by Foreign Office officials. Britain is also expected to agree to restore sovereignty to West Germany in the immediate future in agreement with the United States and France.

Unprecedented Scenes

Paris, Aug. 30. Unprecedented scenes accompanied the announcement of the rejection of EDC in the Assembly. The Communists stood and sang La Marseillaise, the French national anthem. Pro-EDC Socialists thereupon sang the Internationale.

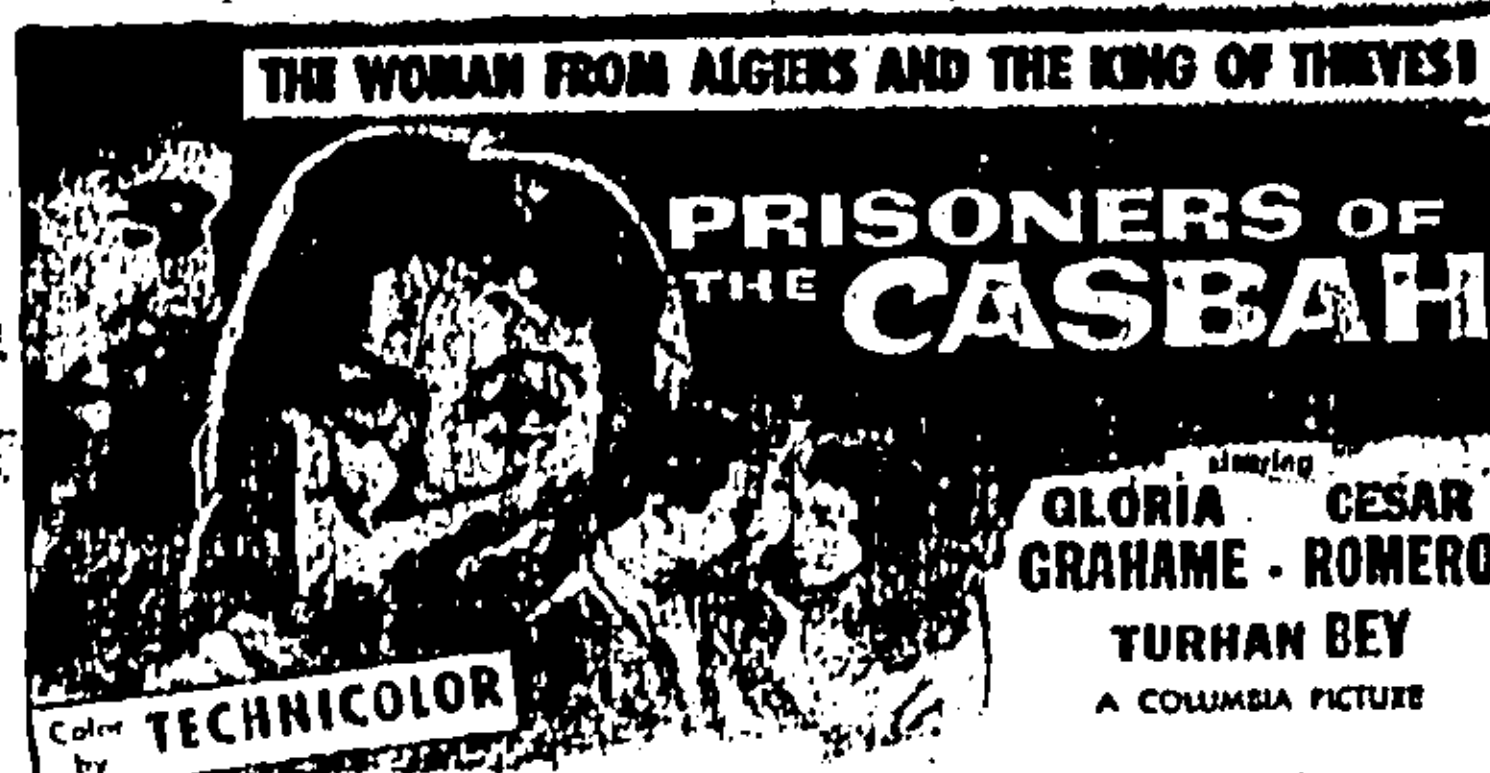
About half the pro-EDC deputies walked out of the Assembly hall in protest and counter-cries lasted for at least five minutes.

While the Communists were loudly demonstrating, M. Paul Reynaud, premier and one of the foremost advocates of EDC, leaped to the Tribune and said: "This is the first time in the history of France that a treaty signed by French Ministers has been rejected by the Assembly."

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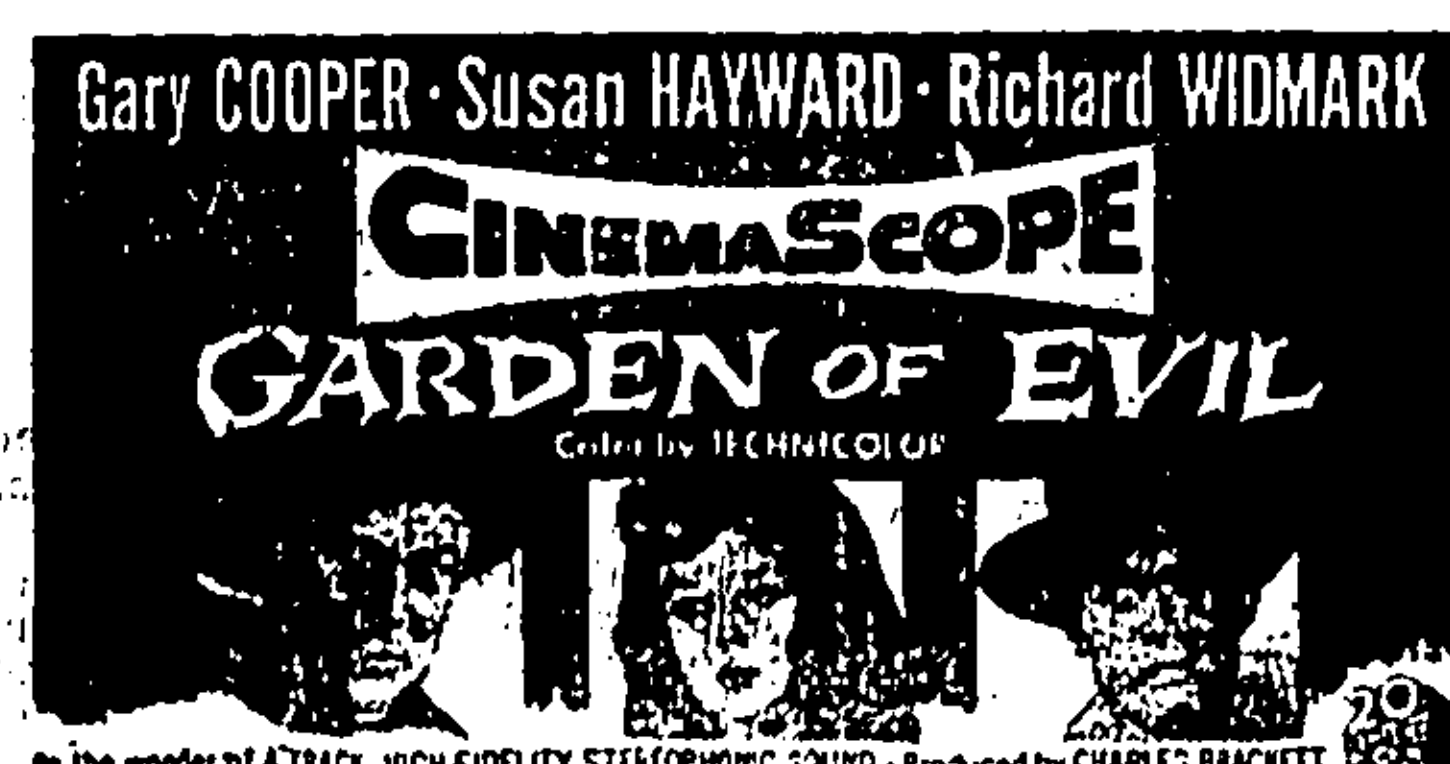
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ADM RADFORD'S VIEWS

Military Planning Must Be Double-Barrelled

Washington, Aug. 30.

Admiral Arthur Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff, said today that the United States military planning must be "double-barrelled" to deal with a possible global war and local political hot spots.

Admiral Radford told the American Legion Convention meeting here that the military threat of international Communism was a "very considerable and rapidly growing menace" with massive power on land, sea and in the air.

He said American military planners had a double-barrelled preparedness problem.

"We must be ready for tremendous counter-offensive blows in the event of a global war; and we must be ready for lesser military actions in local hot spots when and as directed by our Government," he said.

Admiral Radford added that the basic decision to depend primarily on massive retaliation to deter aggression still stood, but it was not a policy which necessarily committed the United States to massive retaliation against all forms of aggression.

"This is far from being the case," Admiral Radford said. "It is the policy of having persuasive power to help to preserve the peace."

He pointed out that the military policy, as enunciated by the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, in January, was "to depend primarily upon great capacity to retaliate, instantly, by means at places of our choosing."

Admiral Radford said the key words to the policy were "great capacity" and also "by means and at places."

PLANNING TODAY
They signified that in American defence planning today it was regarded as important to have capacity to retaliate instantly at the proper place and by whatever military means were best suited to the situation at the time.

Though the US still stood on the "massive retaliation" policy announced by Mr. Dulles as the best way to counter the Communist threat, this did not mean that the United States was committed to any particular form of action—such as resort to the hydrogen bomb—in the event of new Communist aggression.

He said Communist military power "is deployed widely and

could strike out in any direction at any time—and it sometimes does." In addition, he said, Soviet atomic weapons were being produced "on a scale substantially ahead of the schedule we once forecast."—Reuter.

SOUTH KOREA INVESTIGATION

ALLEGED ILLEGAL LOANS

Seoul, Aug. 30.

The South Korean National Assembly today voted unanimously to investigate "illegal" loans of Government funds to private traders totalling 403,443,000 hwan (equivalent of £806,886 sterling).

Opposition member Chough Pyong Ok told the plenary session today a committee survey said there were 59 cases of "illegal" loans made to businessmen during three years and three months after the Korean Economic Co-ordinator, Paik Too Chin, was Financial Minister. Mr. Chough and other opposition members claimed that recipients of "illegal" loans included a member of the Central Committee of President Syngman Rhee's Liberal Party, a governor and two former Cabinet ministers.

SALE OF BONDS

The funds, which were allegedly available for use to private businessmen as loans, was part of Government fund secured through the sale of national reconstruction bonds. Mr. Paik Too Chin is presently in Washington as Korea's chief economic co-ordinator attending high level talks with United States officials.

The Assembly took no immediate action to summon Paik, but political observers here believed that the Assembly would do so as soon as Paik returned to Seoul.—Reuter.

DESIGNER DEAD

London, Aug. 30.

The death on Saturday of Professor Ernest Julian Stern, who designed the scenery and costumes for many of noted London theatrical productions was announced today. He was 78. Born in Rumania, he took German citizenship but renounced it again when Hitler came into power, and came to live in Britain in 1934.

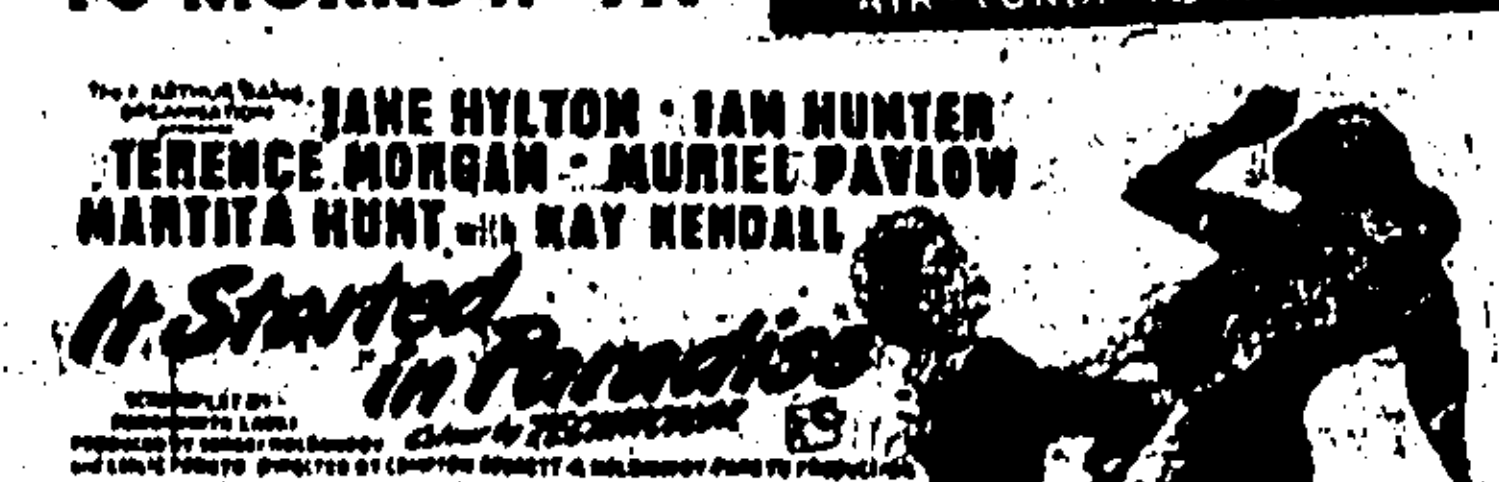
Famous West End shows he staged included "Congress Dances," "Bitter Sweets," "Evergreen," "Casanova" and "White Horse Inn."—China Mail.

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A member of the West German Parliament and of the Christian Democratic Party, Franz Earl Schmidt-Wittmack, has fled to Eastern Germany and asked for political asylum, says the East German radio. Schmidt-Wittmack belonged to the Parliamentary Group of the European Defence Plan. Dr. Adenauer was immediately informed of the reported defection. Schmidt-Wittmack entered Dr. Adenauer's Christian Democratic Union after Germany's defeat and soon became the party's Vice-Chairman in the City-State of Hamburg.—Express Photo.

Chinese Invite Criticism Of The Country

By Fraser Wighton
(Reuter's Special Correspondent)

Hangchow, Aug. 30.

Wherever a Westerner travels in Mao Tse-tung's new China, he is invited by officials to "give us your criticisms so we can do better."

To a correspondent reporting the British Labour Party mission's goodwill visit the time factor does not allow a fair assessment of the conditions under which the people are now living.

But those who have been here before agree that the most notable advances are in the sphere of public health and the slowest in the centuries-old problem of adequate housing of China's 600,000,000 people.

The national war being waged against disease by the new government is paying dividends in the creation of a new hygienic-conscious nation, many of whose citizens wear nose and mouth masks in the streets, go about armed with a fly swat and use scrupulous care in handling food.

Despite the sweltering heat, there is an absence of insect pests of all kinds to a degree astonishing to a Westerner. Conditions in upcountry hotels which some Western correspondents knew in the past were said to be vastly improved. In some the standard of cleanliness is worthy of a hospital.

BAD SLUMS

On the other hand, many millions of Chinese are still housed in conditions which would appal the West and make London's East End slums seem palaces by comparison.

Big housing schemes for workers are part of China's five-year plan, but the problem is so vast it looks like taking years to make a large-scale impact.

Correspondents visited a housing scheme outside Shanghai, where a big block of flats has

been erected for workers. The buildings, with an attractive exterior and well-spaced with house 25,000 families. But all the flats will consist of a single room, with two bathrooms shared by six families.

The premises are well-ventilated, and have electric light, running water and other conveniences. Occupied flats inspected by correspondents apparently represented a considerable advance on conditions previously available to tenants. But they would not stand comparison with modern Western standards.

END OF SCALE

At the bottom end of the scale, train journeys through tracts of China showed ordinary people living in riverside shacks and tumbledown dwellings inconceivable elsewhere.

But in one village outside Peking, the centre of a co-operative farming scheme, the standard was much higher. The absence of muck-heaps and other offensive aspects of some small holdings in the remote parts of Britain, was notable.

Travelling in China offers evidence of the fatalistic acceptance of the Chinese of conditions of physical labour which no European would be fit enough, even if willing, to stand.

Huge ear-operated barges on the rivers are still forced along by their owners, often helped by their wives and young children. Water is still pumped from a well for irrigation by treadmills at which peasants pedal uncomplainingly for hours. Many of these people are their own bosses. But wrestling a living from nature in their way imposes a hardship which has to be seen to be believed.—Reuter.



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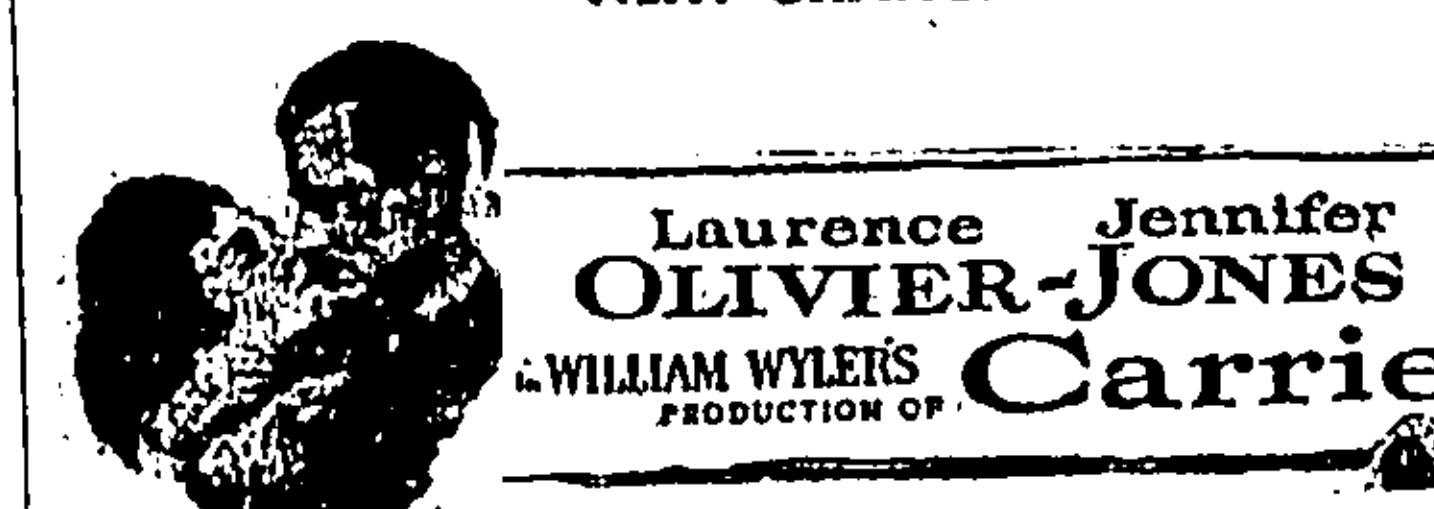
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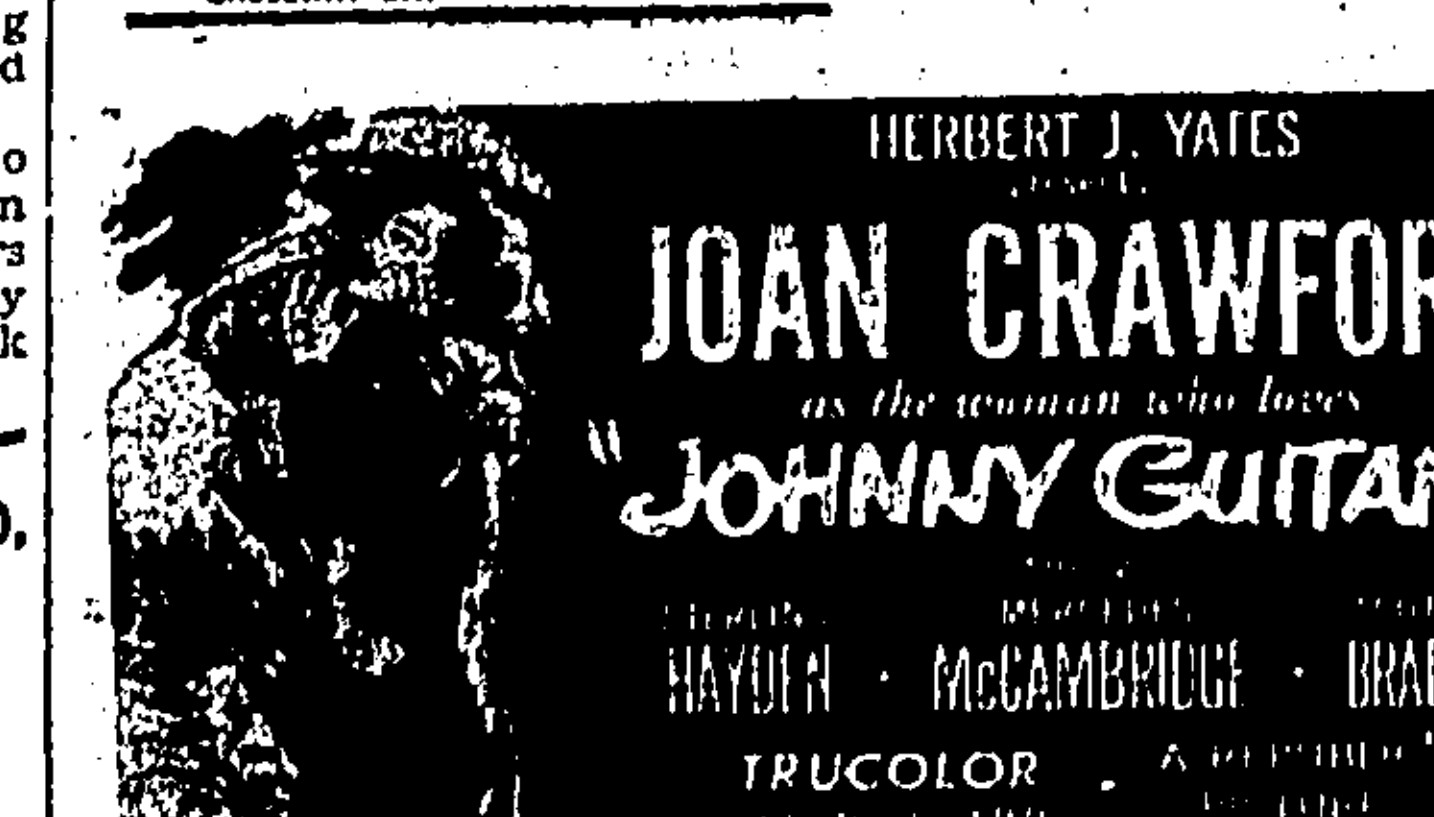
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Those Untidy Civil Servants

London, Aug. 30. Civil servants have been officially asked to keep their offices tidy and tea cups out of sight. An official memorandum which says that many Government offices have a shabby uncared for appearance, suggests: Keep personal gear like shopping baskets out of sight, remove tea cups from desks after use, keep papers and office articles away from window ledges, mantelpieces and cupboard tops.—China Mail Special.

Duchess Opens Big Power Project

Niagara Falls, Aug. 30. The Duchess of Kent officially opened the gigantic Niagara power development station today in a driving rainstorm which forced dignitaries and on-lookers alike to huddle under gaily-coloured umbrellas.

Princess Alexandra was among hundreds of fascinated spectators as her mother-in-law, the Queen, inaugurated the giant development.

The Duchess pressed a button to symbolize the release of enough energy for 1,000,000 people from the Six Adam Beck No. 2 Station, the most expensive single power project any nation has ever built.

POSED FOR PHOTOS She was protected only by her large white hat as she stood in the downpour for several minutes, posing for photographers. Her ladies-in-waiting were sheltered in yellow rain slickers, they had borrowed from workers of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission.

During the ceremony, the Royal party was sheltered in an enclosure. A small, bedraggled black dog joined the party at one point to get out of the rain.

In a brief address opening the station, the Duchess said Ontario's geographic position and the energy of its people had contributed to making the province a most vital manufacturing area.—United Press.

Tokyo, Aug. 31. The Japanese Government is to issue special watermarked admission tickets for all theatres, concerts and other public events in an attempt to wipe out the evasion of entertainment tax.

The tax is expected to net ¥11,800 million (£11,800,000 sterling) this year.—Reuter.

Germans Want Conference With Britain And U.S. To Discuss Next Move

Bonn, Aug. 30. News of the French rejection of the European army treaty was telephoned immediately tonight to the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, at his holiday residence in the Black Forest.

Dr Adenauer, at the resort of Buehlerhoehe, has been supplied with running reports of events in Paris.

The date of his return to Bonn is uncertain. It was believed to depend on the outcome of the Paris debate.

The leader of the West German Social Democratic opposition, Herr Erich Ollenhauer, promptly called for a new four-power conference on European security and German reunification.

Commenting on France's rejection of the European army plan, Herr Ollenhauer said no further attempt should be made to revise the army plan "in any form whatsoever."

EDC's "dead" anti-war treaty, the French policy of the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, which had been based exclusively on it, he said.

All signatories should now attempt with good will and energy to start a genuine European policy," Herr Ollenhauer said.

He also called for new negotiations on the relationship of West Germany to her neighbours and her participation in a policy of "security for the free world."

PARTNERS' INITIATIVE

Dr Hans-Joachim Van Herkatz, Parliamentary leader of the German Party, a junior Coalition partner in Dr Adenauer's Government, said the initiative now rested with West Germany's partners.

He said a new conference of the United States, Britain and the European Community should be called immediately to discuss what should be done next.

Among some observers here the most popular theory at the moment is that EDC might be

FORD FACTORY STRIKE

Cork, Aug. 30. M. Harty Ford, American motor magnate, arrived for a routine inspection at his firm's factory here today to find that it had been "closed indefinitely."

A notice announcing the closure was posted today at the factory, where 400 men downed tools on Friday. Nearly 700 of the 3,000 workers reported for duty today, but left again after the notice was put up. Friday's walkout, it is understood is over a claim for increased pay.—China Mail Special.

RUSSIANS WIN

Brussels, Aug. 30. Senator Roger Motz, a Belgian Honorary Minister of State, said tonight when told of France's rejection of EDC: "The Russians are the only winners."

The Senator, who is President of the Liberal International, added: "We are heading towards the dissolution of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. It is clear there will be less support in the French National Assembly for Germany's entry into NATO than there was for the EDC."

Belgian Government officials would not comment on the decision in the absence of M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Foreign Minister, who is on holiday abroad.

M. Spaak, after his last attempt to save the European army project by a new compromise suggestion, left the country on Friday for a short holiday. It is not known where he is staying.—Reuter.

CABINET RECALLED

Rome, Aug. 30. An urgent message went out to Italy's Cabinet Ministers tonight calling them back to Rome from their holiday, to

replaced by a form of coalition army of the present EDC members, France, Italy, West Germany, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg — together with Britain and possibly with Greece and Turkey also. Such a coalition army with combined general-staffs would be under the overall command of NATO.

Dr Thomas Dehler, Chairman of the Free Democratic Party, second strongest in the Government, said a common European policy should be formulated in a "round table" of "all races" between Sir Winston Churchill, Mr Dulles, M. Mendes-France and Dr Adenauer.

He said that, as a substitute for EDC, close military alliances were perhaps the next solution. Such plans in this direction should be closely linked with NATO.

The West German Vice-Chancellor, Dr Franz Blumberg, said

he was "deeply shaken and even more worried" by the news, though he had been prepared for it.

The "momentary collapse" of plans for European integration must not lead to bad feelings between France and West Germany, he said. The question of EDC had not been one of Franco-German relations but of "completing a treaty signed by six partners."

"It was a question of step on the road to European unity and of bringing the world nearer a solution of its problems by lessening the tension threatening world peace," Dr Blumberg said.

Professor Walter Hallstein, permanent secretary of the Foreign Office, and Herr Herbert Blankenhorn, head of the Foreign Office Political Department, will leave Bonn for Buehlerhoehe tomorrow morning to discuss the situation with Dr Adenauer.—Reuter.

STUDY THE SITUATION created by French rejection of the EDC.

The Prime Minister, Signor Mario Scelba, is expected back in the capital tomorrow from his holiday at Fuggia, south of Rome.

Failure of EDC represents the collapse of the main pillar of Italian foreign policy over the past three years. The big Government propaganda machine had been fully mobilised for the past six months in preparing for a Parliamentary battle this autumn over Italy's ratification of the treaty.

If France had not rejected the treaty, the Italian Parliament was expected to accept it by a small majority against furious Communist and Neo-Fascist opposition.

Italian Government newspapers tonight reported that Italy would favour the immediate calling of a conference of eight nations—Britain, the United States and the six EDC nations—to try to save as much as possible of the original treaty.

An Italian spokesman said Italy's interest in EDC had not only been military. She had seen in the treaty a big step towards her aim of making Europe a free market not for goods and capital, but also for her own excess manpower.—Reuter.

EAST BERLIN JUBILANT

Berlin, Aug. 30. The East Berlin Radio was jubilant today over the rejection of EDC by the French Assembly.

"The path that leads to security for all peoples is now free," the radio commentator said.

He went on to say that EDC was dead and that the decision taken was not merely a parliamentary one but that it represented the will of the French people.

The effect of the vote, continued the East Berlin Radio commentator, was to strike the biggest blow to West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's aims. It represented a crushing defeat also for America's European policy.

"It is not possible," concluded the commentator, "to estimate all the beneficial results which the French Assembly's decision will have for the peace of Europe. The future is full of hope."—France-Press.

NATO UNHAPPY

Paris, Aug. 30. A spokesman for the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation said tonight that death of the EDC at the hands of the French Assembly "makes NATO more important than ever" as the main instrument of Western defence.

NATO circles were generally unhappy about the results of the Assembly vote. "But they felt an definite decision had at last been taken, they now knew where they stood."

The NATO Council will meet on Wednesday, but this may be too early for the past governments to have formulated any plan for action.

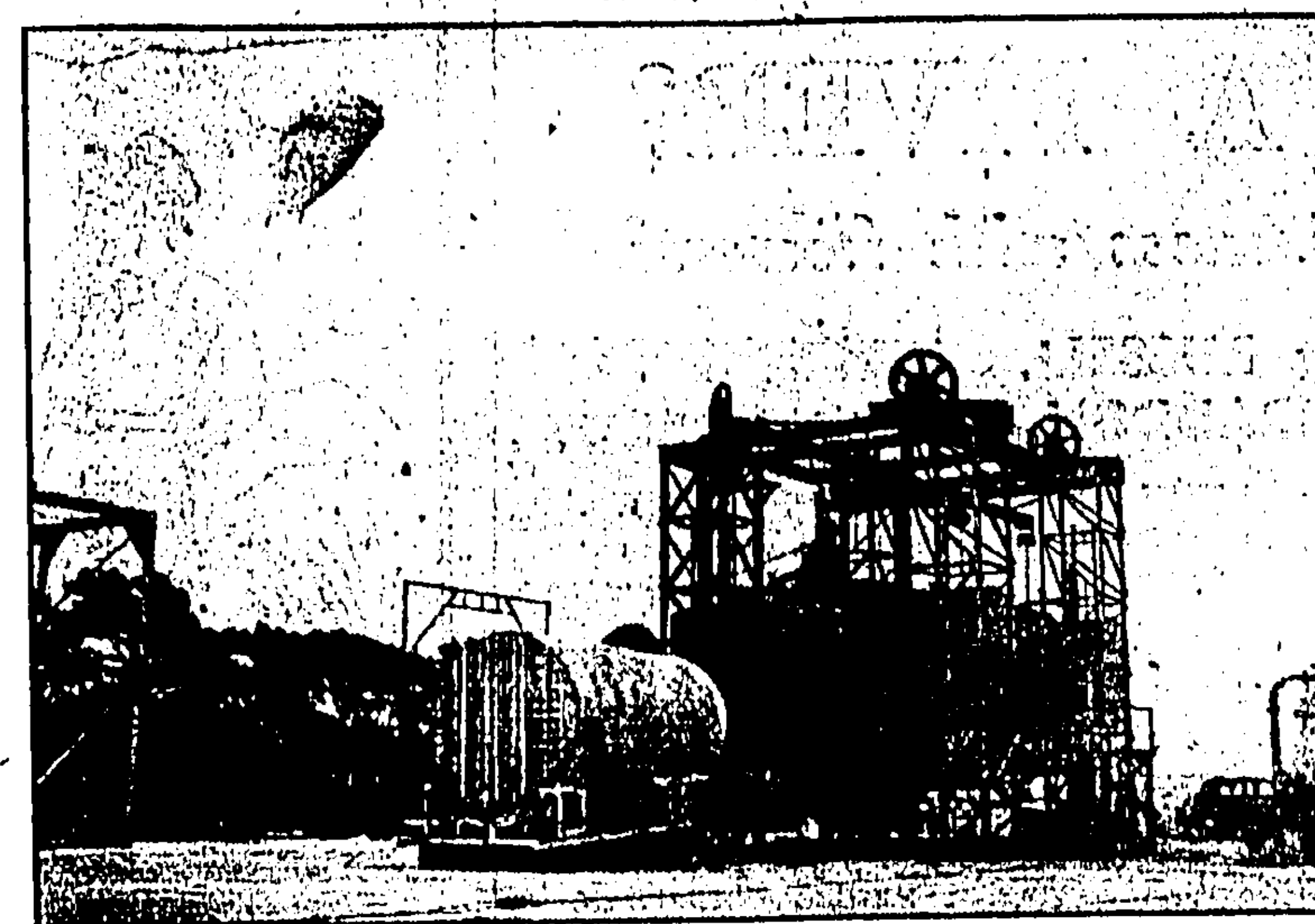
Since the NATO member governments have been holding back on EDC so as not to be pressing the French Assembly in its decisive debate, the past governments could not add further official comment tonight.—Reuter.

Churches Want Ban On Atomic Weapons

Evansville, Ill., Aug. 30. The Assembly of the World Council of Churches today adopted a resolution in favour of a ban on atomic weapons.

The resolution said that the Assembly recognised that to avoid catastrophe two essential conditions had to be fulfilled, the first being a ban on weapons of mass destruction, comprising the atomic and hydrogen bombs, with measures of international inspection and control and a considerable reduction in other armaments.

The second condition was that no country should either foment or encourage aggression or subversive activities in other countries.—France-Press.



This weird-looking object is part of the Ministry of Supply's Aeroplane and Armament Experimental Establishment at Boscombe Down. Its main purpose lies in testing the fitness of military aircraft and their equipment before going into squadron service. Picture shows a demonstration of preflight testing of safety devices. The blower is being used for testing the hood-jettisoning mechanism of a "Vulcan" bomber.—(Central Press Photo).

LANCASHIRE MAN-HUNT

THE YARD CALLED IN

Wigan, Aug. 30.

Detective Superintendent Colin MacDougall of Scotland Yard's murder squad has been called in by the police here in an effort to solve the brutal stabbing of an 11-year-old schoolboy.

Mr MacDougall will lead the man-hunt for the slayer of William Harmer, found knifed on a rubbish dump on Friday night. Before he died, the boy gasped: "It's a man." There is fear in every parent's heart here since the murder. It is thought likely that the killer—said to be a blond-haired man of about six feet—will strike again.

BOY SAVED

Only half an hour before young Harmer died, seven-year-old Billy Mitchell was attacked. He was saved by two men who chased his attacker along a canal bank.

Three other children have been stabbed recently and one man is believed to be responsible for these attacks and Harmer's murder.

Detectives from neighbouring Lancashire industrial towns have been brought in to help the local police in the biggest man-hunt the area has known for years.

Thousands of children are being questioned and parents have organised teams to guard them.—China Mail Special.

NO KITE FLYING

Nairobi, Aug. 30. The Civil Aviation Directorate today banned "kite flying" by children within three miles of Nairobi's Eastleigh Airport as a menace to air traffic.—United Press.

'Encircling Pincers' Of Communism

Washington, Aug. 30.

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, said today it might not be long before the "encircling pincers" of world Communism were turned directly against the United States.

In an address prepared for the Convention of the American Legion, an ex-servicemen's organisation, he rejected any hope of peaceful co-existence with the Soviet Union.

"It may be that the challenge of civil totalitarianism will be faced by us sooner than we think," he said. "The danger of another Pearl Harbour embracing the American people is definitely possible and possibly imminent."

Cardinal Spellman said Americans must ask themselves whether this country had become so weakened spiritually that it had "already become ripe for the taking by the forces of evil."

He said there was good reason to believe the Communists would take over the remaining free areas of Indo-China, India, Indonesia and the Philippines.

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Chinese Intellectual Thought

Lin Yu-tang Will Keep It Alive

London, Aug. 30.

Dr Lin Yu-tang, Chancellor-designate of the new Nanyang Chinese University in Singapore, and author of "Moment in Peking," "My Country and my people," and other works, said here tonight that he had been attracted to the post by a desire to keep alive the flame of Chinese intellectual thought that was being snuffed out at its source—China.

He told a crowded meeting of students at Malaya Hall that the first purpose of the university was to answer the growing need for higher education and for teachers.

The second was patriotism. "The future peace and prosperity of Malaya," he said, "can only be built on equality and understanding between the various races."

The 58-year-old author and philosopher, who is here to recruit staff for a university yet to be built, assured the students that everything about Nanyang from professors to equipment, would be first class.

While Chinese students would naturally be in the great majority, the university would be open to all Malaya's races, including Europeans. "There are no bars," he added, "to the admittance of Malaya students. Indeed, I will try by all means to encourage their admission."

PRINCIPAL MEDIUM

English would be the principal medium of instruction. If a Chinese student was excellent in Chinese and tolerable in English, he could graduate; if he was excellent in English and tolerable in Chinese, he would also pass.

He wanted Chinese students to be modern and thoroughly conversant with Western culture. But he criticised "half baked men and women" who thought they were modern just because they knew a smattering of English without any English culture.

It was a suicidal form of patriotism, he contended, for the Chinese to ignore the Western world. The different races of Malaya must become modern before they could become a nation. That did not mean, however, that they should become dualised and turn their backs on the poetry, history and philosophy of China, Malaya and India.

VARIETY

Life and culture were enriched by variety, not uniformity. Patriotism was one of the deepest things in the human race.

Each was entitled to have a wholesome pride in its origin. It was "possible for different races to live together provided they were not exploited by financial politicians."

Answering a question, Dr Lin said that those Chinese who felt they were Chinese rather than Malaysians, would be wise to prepare themselves to be citizens if they wished to share in the benefits of the country.

He emphasised that the new university would be concerned solely with academic things and would steer clear of politics of any kind.—Reuter.

Flood Relief

For E. Germany

Berlin, Aug. 30.

A Western Red Cross team that made a two-week tour of East German flood areas reported today that there is a need for American food in the Soviet Zone but the need is "not critical."

The Western team concluded that emergency shipments are not needed and the Russian zone can wait until the Red Cross determines the need of other Iron Curtain countries that accepted President Eisenhower's offer of food aid.

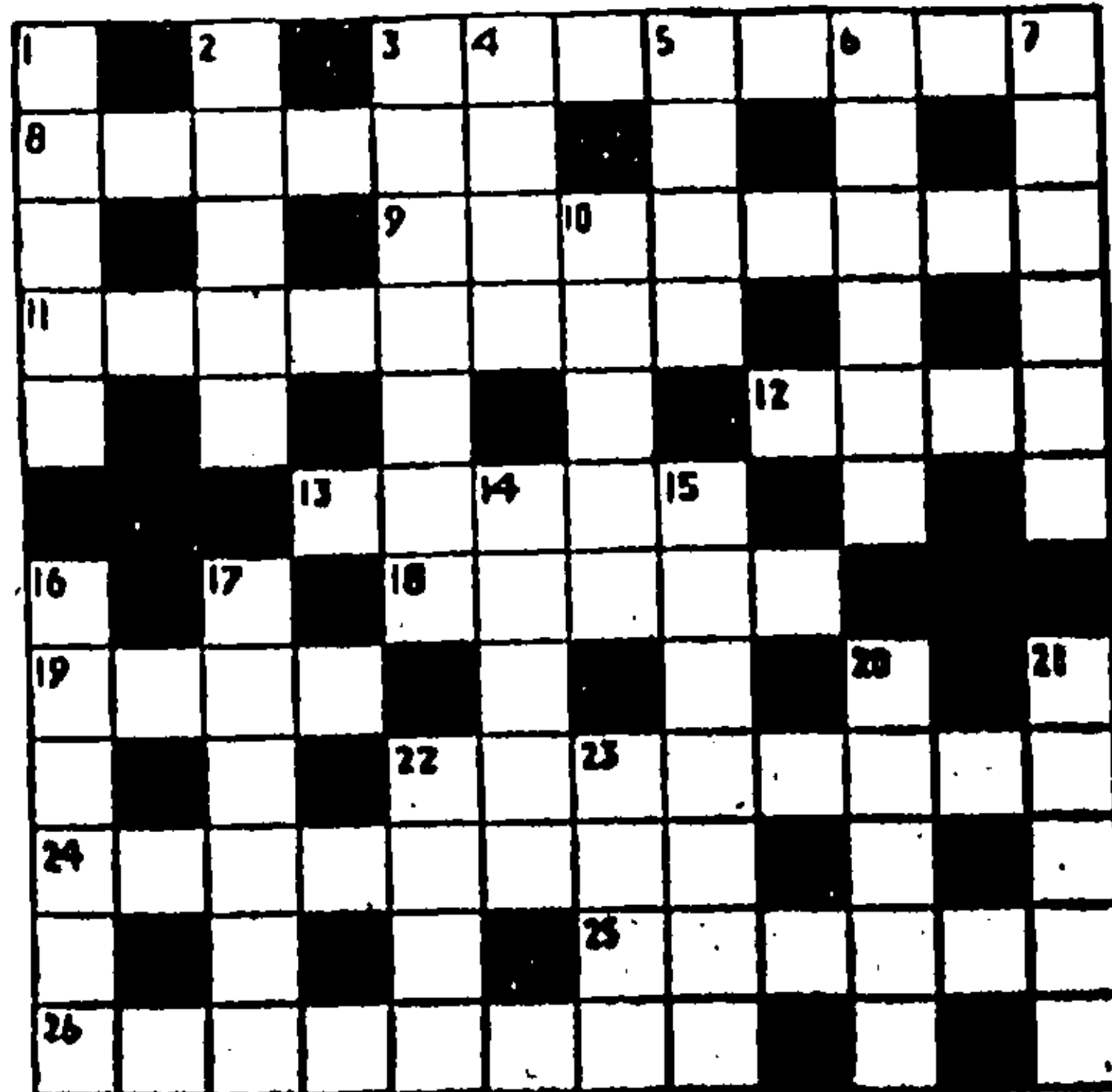
Two Western Red Cross officials told the American authorities they toured 1,200 miles of flooded area last month and found no "acute emergency" existed.

There is a need for food aid in East Germany but the need is not critical," they said. Jacques Montant of Switzerland and Colonel Victor Arskawon, official of the League of Red Cross Societies, returned to West Berlin today from their tour of flooded areas of East Germany. They went into the Soviet territory after the Communists, in a surprise move, accepted President Eisenhower's offer of food aid.—United Press.

Brighouse, Yorkshire, Aug. 30.

Housewives here saw red today when fine crimson dye powder, blown by the wind, settled on their weekly wash. While white sheets and towels were being "lined," women worked to wash away 500 pounds of the dye which had fallen from a lorry.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 3 Tramps (8).
 - 8 Mend (6).
 - 9 Storage tanks for water (8).
 - 11 Muse (8).
 - 12 Bundle of merchandise (4).
 - 13 Lees (6).
 - 18 Produce (4).
 - 19 Looked at (5).
 - 22 Flaps (8).
 - 24 Not ready (8).
 - 25 Disclose (8).
 - 26 Bullfighter (8).

- DOWN
- 1 Dirt (6).
 - 2 Garden tool (6).
 - 3 Success (7).
 - 4 Operatic song (4).
 - 6 Ceremony (4).
 - 7 Ordinary (6).
 - 10 Degree of progress (5).
 - 14 Kind of duck (5).
 - 15 Slim (7).
 - 16 Tyrant (6).
 - 17 Heavenly body (6).
 - 20 Rage (6).
 - 21 Sacred song (5).
 - 23 Father (4).
 - 25 Roman emperor (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Confused, 7 Rouse, 8 Damaging, 10 Arises, 12 Modiste, 15 Tome, 17 Entered, 18 Discard, 20 Once, 21 Nurture, 22 Roster, 23 Brigades, 25 Evans, 26 Shelters. Down: 1 Cream, 2 Humid, 3 Codes, 4 Foot, 6 Sutter, 8 Dogged, 9 Aster, 11 Robin, 12 Scribe, 14 Endure, 15 Tests, 16 Mafra, 18 Double, 19 Scribe, 22 Roses, 23 Utter, 24 Brass, 25 Fast.

MEN BEARING THE SCARS OF THE 'DEATH RAILWAY' DISCUSS A QUESTION THAT SEARS THE HEART

DO YOU ATONE WITH A FIVER?

—or buy forgiveness with flowers?

SIAM wants to use the invaluable railway that links Bangkok to Rangoon—a railway built largely by British prisoners of war under Japanese army engineers and guards in 1942 and 1943.

And to save its conscience about this railway (one of the most inhuman atrocities of modern times) it wants to pay compensation to those slaves of the Japanese who built it.

So the Siamese have allocated £170,000 to the British Government for distribution to British Servicemen who worked on the Railway of Death.

That amounts to £5 a head. The question is: Is that fair compensation? And compensation for what?

For living like animals, dying like flies, and rotting with disease for almost two years.

For working under Korean and Japanese guards whose cruelty was fiendish.

For suffering malarial attacks in their scores. For enduring cholera, beriberi, ulcers, blindness, amputations without anaesthetics, and starvation.

Misery

FOR hearing a Japanese senior officer refuse drugs or food to alleviate their unnecessary misery by saying: "No—there are plenty more prisoners of war."

For seeing the Siamese themselves look on, from beginning to end, apparently without pity and certainly without intervention. (The Siamese, who now

By **RUSSELL BRADDON**

Australian author who was a POW of the Japs and wrote "The Naked Island" about his experiences.

wish to use that railway, knowing that every sleeper on its entire length cost one human life.)

I am not fit to judge this matter. People tell me I am bitter. So I went to Queen Mary's Hospital at Roehampton and asked the opinion of some of the ex-P.O.W. patients there.

EX-PRIVATE GREENALL of the East Surreys, was one of a group of 23 cut off by the fighting in Malaya. They took to the jungle. Soon only four survived.

These four stepped out of the jungle one day straight into the arms of a Japanese patrol. They put up their hands. Promptly the Japanese shot them all.

Murdered

PRIVATE GREENALL, with a bullet right through his stomach and out his back, lived on to work on the railway in Siam.

"Five pounds isn't enough," he said. "But then no amount is enough—especially in the case of the men who didn't get back. Money," he pointed out, "won't buy a child a father."

Those fathers who lost their lives on the railway didn't die, they were murdered—with the Siamese looking on.

EX-PRIVATE SKIPPER, of the 2nd Norfolk, helped build the banks that supported the craziest riverside railway bridge ever, near a jungle camp called Tarsan.

On his shin, nine inches long and two inches wide, is a livid, bluish scar. That was a tropical ulcer, and (in the absence of any drugs) if he hadn't had it scraped clean with a spoon,

scooped out fresh each day, he would have lost his leg.

Now he is in hospital recovering from the after-effects of a dangerous internal infection. Of the Siamese he says: "The educated folk weren't bad—but the natives were again us."

And of the £5 he says: "Look, it's not money you want—that won't give you back your health."

EX-PRIVATE COX, of the East Surreys, shrugs his shoulders. "Some of the Siamese were all right," he says. "Most of 'em were a bit crafty, though."

EX-C.S.M. STRACHAN, an emphatic but steady-minded Scot from the Gordon Highlanders, says: "As compensation it's awful—but still, there it is."

Indeed, there it is! And strangely enough none of them—though they are not rich men—showed any enthusiasm for the money. They were not sure that as soldiers they deserved special compensation over and above the ordinary pensions. But they were sure of the angle of the Siamese and the Japs.

They were sure that no race should be able to buy themselves the right to tolerate or perpetrate acts of vicious cruelty over British citizens for a lump sum of £5 a head.

They were sure that the compensation offered was so ludicrously slight, and the conscience money being paid so unconscionably inadequate, that the British Government should not accept Siam's proposal at all.

To accept it as compensation for Servicemen who became Asiatic slaves would be an insult to the Servicemen; to accept it as adequate penance from the Siamese would be an insult to Britain itself. We are surely worth more as a race than 50s. per person per year.

Flowers

OF these things they were sure. They are not bitter men; but they were soldiers and they are proud of it. As I left one shouted: "Forget the £5, Aussie—see if you can get us some flowers. It's the only thing in this place we really need."

It would be nice to think the Government would take them at their word. It would be nice to see our Government say to the Japanese (who paid off their crimes with £15 a head) and to the Siamese (with their offer of £5): "To hell with your money. Send the victims of this railway flowers instead."

Somewhere, where bestiality is concerned, blossoms smell sweeter than pence.

RENE MacCOLL WRITES FROM CHINA TO HIS AUNT MILLCENT

THE POSTMARK IS HANGCHOW

Hangchow, Sunday. Dear Auntie, THE Chinese have a proverb, "Above is Heaven, but below is Hangchow."

So it is to Hangchow that Attlee and his splendid team have come today after a special train journey from Shanghai to recuperate and collect variegated thoughts for their joint report on their great Chinese venture.

Attlee and his team went for a trip tonight over the "Great West Lake" in what looked like a super-gondola, worked by smiling girls.

Attlee is only the last of a long line of travellers to sail on the West Lake, Auntie, because Marco Polo sang its praises.

You recall that Swiss summer when you went on lake excursions? Well, the Great West Lake is like that, except pagodas sprout everywhere and the roofs of the villas turn up at the edges like a tennis racquet left out in heavy dew.

The first place Attlee's party saw was Lin Wei



THANKS, OLD BOY, I PREFER TO STANDO

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A WOMAN HEARS DREAD WORDS FROM HER DOCTOR . . . SHE FIGHTS BACK . . . AND LIVES . . . AND TRIUMPHS

I Prayed: Oh, Please God, Let Me Get Well

By **BABE ZAHARIAS**

three times U.S. Women's Open Golf champion, in an interview with **RONALD SINGLETON**

"BABE" DIDRIKSON ZAHARIAS (say it Za-Harris), the world's leading woman golfer, was told at 41: "You have cancer." That was 15 months ago. In July she won the U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship for the third time. Now she tells her story, the story of a woman who drilled herself with prayer and

faith and hope to triumph over sickness—as rigorously as she had trained to be champion of many sports . . . to box, to pitch at baseball, to win the javelin throw and the 80-metre hurdles race at the Olympics . . . It is a story of courage and conquest, with a message for everyone who has ever said: "I am afraid."

the disease. It was 11 o'clock; I had to be in hospital at noon.

I said "Okay." I smiled, but it was painful to do even that. The whole world fell apart. For some time I did not know what to do, or say, or think.

I played . . .

DURING eight days' preparation for my operation in my hometown of Beaumont, Texas (it was May 1953), I lay in bed and looked out of the window.

I could see the little fruit blossom-lined street called Sabina Pass. It was the same little street in which I played barefoot when I was eight, nine, 10, and 11.

The same white fence was there; the same wide gatepost which I'd jumped after balancing my way along the fence.

There were children playing there, skipping and splashing in a nearby brook, just as I had done. There was one little girl I used to see a lot. In those eight days I went back over the years of memories—oh! so sharp and clear.

There were so many memories—sometimes I used to laugh as I recollected how I must have looked as a child.

I remember

I REMEMBERED my first basketball rigout. It was on the basketball court that I was first known. I made the all-American girls' team three times!

I remembered the 1932 Olympics in the blazing sun of Los Angeles when I won the 80-metre hurdles race.

I remembered when I was only 19 and I won the Olympic javelin throw, and when people said I was an expert at discus, shot putt, high jump, and sprinting too!

I remembered football, ice-skating, and bowling.

I remembered beating a tough young man at boxing (I boxed him on condition he wouldn't pull his punches. I floored him once in the three rounds!)

I remembered (ah! how clearly and wonderfully it all came back just as though I was living it all again!) how I'd pitched a baseball innings for the St Louis Cardinals against Brooklyn!

I remembered holding my own against leading tennis stars.

I remembered wearing pants (they chaffed me and called me "Lucky Pants") and a Scottish cardigan when I won the British Women's Amateur golf championship.

And I remembered the hours and hours of swimming with my husband George, an ex-wrestler.

Guilty?

AND here I was, back in Texas, where it all started . . . I felt somehow guilty. I asked myself what was it that had crept up on me like this?

I saw so many of the past years, in procession, all the trials, training, playing, winning, and the very thrill of battling with a fine opponent on the links. Wasn't this also a trial and a task for me?

I guess I'm tough by nature. I had a way of figuratively gritting my teeth and setting my jaw—and I had always come through. I had done this with all kinds of sport. I had always won through.

With affliction, also? Throughout the day, in the night, alone, with my husband George—both of us silent—I was playing some kind of terribly strenuous game—it was a spiritual and

physical wrestle, and everything in the past seemed only the preliminary bout.

Life was so good; it was as though something had sprung upon me and decreed "You are to lose it, lose it all."

I pray

I PRAYED. I prayed alone and with my husband. I prayed "Please, God, let me get well. Make me fit—make me able to play golf again."

I never asked in order that I might win. I just wanted the fresh air, a fairway, and some clubs. It was sport and it was also life . . .

In the operating theatre a kind nun said: "You'll be fine!" It was when I put my foot on the floor for the first time after the operation, with my husband's arm supporting me, that I knew I had won through.

It was as though I had been given a second chance. Everything from that moment onwards took on a totally new meaning. Even the blossom in Sabina Pass was lovelier. Life was to be fuller and happier, and I had an overwhelming desire to share it with all other sufferers.

The doctor said: "You may watch other people play golf."

Soon I was playing, carefully at first.

George said: "Babe, you're wonderful!"

Now I feel better than ever I did in my whole life. I am hitting a golf ball better and longer. My husband and I speak of God now—it's as though we know Him better.

Have faith

THERE is more meaning to life now. And I want to tell everybody: Have faith—in God, in doctors, and in yourself. Never give way to emotion. Above all, have the will to fight. And always pray.

I have played golf 10 years; I want 16 more years—I want to play in England and Scotland and Australia and South America. (She is going to Britain next year, the first part of a world tour.) Yes, my life is fuller. Some things changed, because a prayer was answered.

Paris Newsletter

DRINK KILLED MORE

From **Stephen Coulter**

AS a matter of fact, drink has killed more Frenchmen in the last seven years than the war in Indo-China. All told, about 92,000 men—half of them from metropolitan France—died in the war. Over the same period, excessive drinking wiped out more than 100,000 at home.

French experts have at last realised that moralistic preaching about over-drinking has no effect. They are now showing that far more men die between the ages of 40 and 45 than women—only because they drink too much.

Alcoholism is now a national tragedy in France. A curious thing is that most victims come from the northern part of the country—Brittany and the areas near the Channel where they drink cider and calvados. This won't surprise any visitor who has watched Normandy peasants downing their totos of calvados (firewater for breakfast) at 5 a.m.

RARE CROOK

HOW many crooks are really smart chaps—intelligent, cultured, sensitive, well-educated? Judging by the films, one would think most were.

The report of the French Prison Commission shows that eight out of ten criminals in gaol have had only the most rudimentary schooling, many are totally illiterate and three-quarters are mentally unbalanced in some way. The legendary gentleman crook is a very rare bird—in France anyway. Only about one in 200 has had anything like a decent education.

A LITTLE TIP

I PASS on with pleasure the following advice to tourists who want to get out of a hotel booking at the last minute when they have found somewhere better or cheaper. You say to the reception clerk where you have booked: "I suppose it's all right if I bring my three dogs?"

If the hotel isn't entirely anti-dog he will probably ask what kind they are. You say: "Two St Bernards and a Danish mastiff."

If by chance this doesn't work, you give him the works. You say: "You won't mind my cooking their food in the room because they're on a special diet? I promise I'll be careful not to scorch the wall."

This one has never been known to fail.

QUIETER TOWN

Police are staggered at the success of Operation Jachou—the ban on sounding car horns in Paris. Hardly a toot has been heard since August 1—perhaps because each one costs 22 shillings a time in fines. Only one taxidriver has so far been caught—blowing a toy trumpet.

SCREECH SCENE

A SCREECH of brakes in the rue Marbeuf the other day and I was looking at a nasty little crash-up between a car and a motor-scooter. Then I saw that the girl in the crash helmet riding the scooter was Odile Versola and the natty gent wearing homburg and stiff collar was Alec Guinness. They were shooting a scene of their new film "To Paris with Love."

BREAD QUEUES

BRITISH housewives visiting Paris are just now flinching at a familiar wartime sight: queues outside bakers' shops. Most of the bakers in Paris have closed down for a month's holiday and people in the city have a daily tramp to the nearest one open and a longish wait.

Every year somebody says this system of mass close-down must be changed, but it never is.

Incidentally, in comparison with the sober British names for loaves, the French have some fancy ones—including a string, a wand and a bastard.



CHINESE CREEDS and CUSTOMS



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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Make Sure Signals Don't Backfire

By OSWALD JACOBY

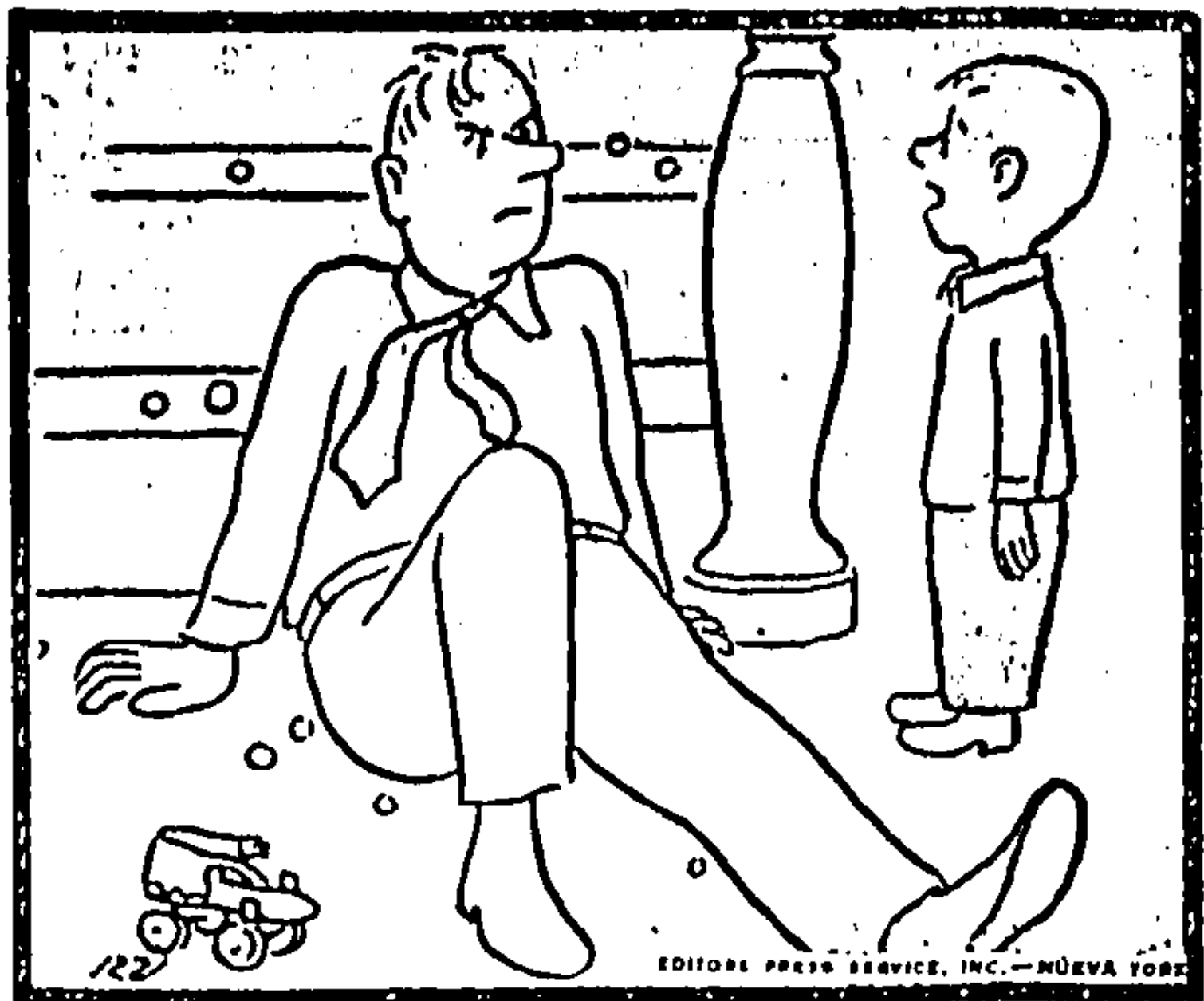
VERY few bridge signals should be automatic. If a signal gives valuable information to your partner, well and good. If it doesn't, forget the signal; it may backfire by giving valuable information to the declarer.

When today's hand was played, West opened the jack of spades, and East won with the ace. East properly shifted to the queen of clubs, and South won with the ace.

South looked the hand over carefully and saw that he was bound to lose three tricks in the black suits no matter how he played the hand. The contract therefore depended on losing no trump tricks.

Since there wasn't much point in wasting either time or heart on this sort of problem, South continued by laying down the ace of hearts. East began a signal by playing the three of hearts.

The failure of the desire of trumps to appear on the first trick intrigued South. He entered dummy with a diamond and led a trump from the dummy. East now produced the



"That's why I slide down the banister."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

BORN today, you have a positive personality. Your determination to carry a project through to its completion will leave a definite imprint upon your times. You have a good executive sense and know how to make money. Since your influence is wide, it is most important that your ideas be kept very high; otherwise, you could exert an adverse influence quite as easily as a fine one.

You have a keen mind and naturally draw into your orbit others whose interests also are mainly intellectual and cultural. No matter what your station in life, your natural gifts will advance you speedily. You are self-reliant and never depend upon others. You have pride, ambition and the desire to get ahead, and you will reach the top probably at an early age.

You have an affectionate nature and are rather demonstrative in marriage, select someone who can reciprocate and there will be happiness in store. Be sure, however, that you choose someone who has brains as well as beauty, for you will want your life companion to be able to keep pace with your cultural interests.

Among those born on this date are: Queen Mother Wilhelmina of Holland, the late Emperor Yohidito of Japan, Dr. Edward G. Janeway, physician, Dr. Mary Putnam Jacobs, pioneer woman physician; DuBose Heyward, author and Fredric March, actor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) If your work takes you on the road, be careful of accidents today. Watch the work factor.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) Not too good a day, so be very careful. A false move could cause considerable trouble for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Take no chances. Be sure that all the facts are known before you take action on anything important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22) Wisdom is needed right now. As you are not as good as they might be, be on alert to possible upsets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20) There are conflicting elements in the stars for you, so do not undertake anything that is risky.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Look for a jump and all will go well with your business actions as definitely as in order.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) Don't concern yourself today. Be cooperative in all your activities.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) Not a time for being venturesome. Take no chances when it comes to making important business decisions.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) Be sure that you hold all the cards before making your bid. This is not a time to bluff. You won't win.

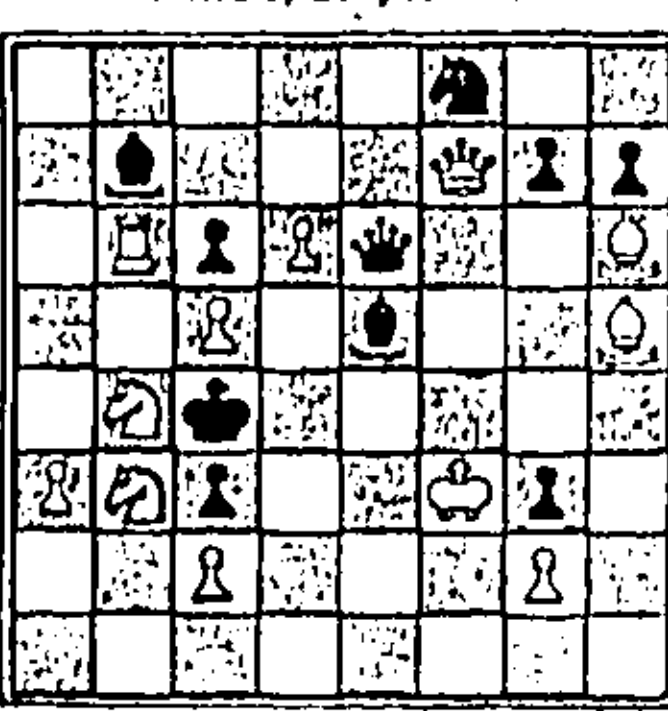
GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Delay making up your mind about anything if you have the slightest doubt as to its practicability.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Take a good hard look at all the angles of any proposition which is offered to you just now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23) Start the new month with a cautious eye out for trouble. Be prepared for anything, and you can circumvent it.

CHESS PROBLEM

By J. HANNELIUS
Black, 10 pieces.

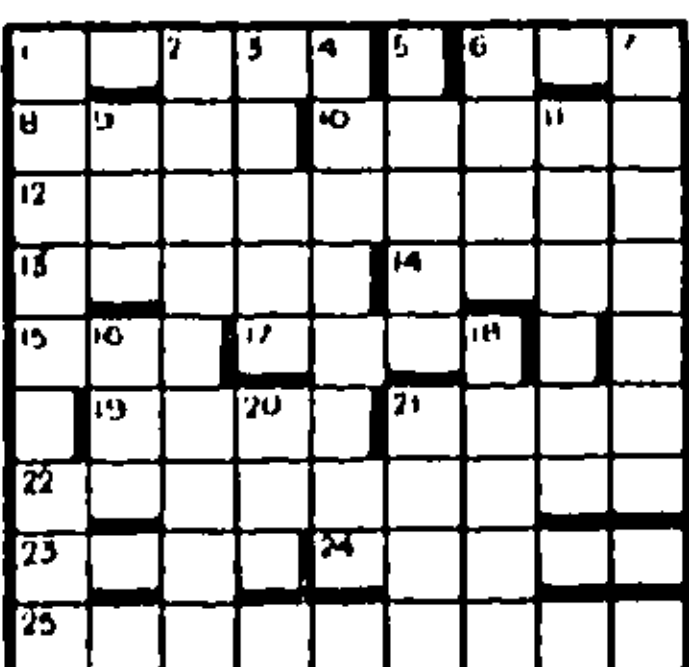


White, 12 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-KB1, any; 2. Q, or R mates.

CROSSWORD



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5. Not some near the middle of the evening to make a play. (10)
6. Often goes with this and that. (4)
7. Fallen one appeared on the screen. (4)
8. A little drink. (3)
9. Tear the weekly payment. (4)
10. Nobody knows who wrote the poem above. (4)
11. Ancient Mariner was in a... (4)
12. Her capers make something respectable in the end. (10)
13. This is this and was in the opposite. (4)
14. He took a mixed drink on the door. (8)
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7. Win brownie, these make... (4)
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9. Golden bird of the river. (6)
10. An extra one may rock the boat. (3)
11. The way of things. (5)
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Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been: North East South West 1 Diamond Double ?

You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-7-4, Hearts K-J-9-2, Diamonds A-9-2, Clubs A-J-9-2. What do you do?

A—Redouble. The trump suit may be bad, but you have enough general strength to assure the contract if both opponents pass. If either opponent tries to escape, you are ready to double.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades K-7, Hearts A-9-2, Diamonds K-J-10-2, Clubs 7-6-3-2. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

WOMANSENSE

Elegant Leather Bag



HERE'S a real leather beauty of a bag; a sleek job that is as good for travel as for town. It is designed in a softly tailored satchel style of aniline calf in delicate shades such as birch, sand and smoke, all good with the dark and light hues of summer clothes and equally good for autumn fashions. It has a distinguished jeweller's frame.

Sometimes It's Better to Ignore Your Goal

BOB and Sally had been married for six years, and still had no children. This made them very unhappy, and particularly so since the doctor said there was no physiological reason.

"It's just a matter of time, I think," he told them, "so relax." But Sally couldn't relax. She had always planned on a large family, and she was obsessed with the idea that she was getting no younger.

Bob was a hard-working junior executive, doing well in his firm. Sally was a high-strung, high-energy type, who stayed home and did all the housework, plus innumerable projects like making all her clothes, doing slip covers and draperies, and running a big garden.

She had worked before her marriage, and loved it. "But, since I wanted a big family, I felt it was better to resign when we married," she said bitterly.

"But now, since nothing is happening in that department, I think I'll get a part-time job. I might just as well give up."

Sally got an afternoon job at a children's hospital. "After all, I do love children," she announced firmly, "and since I can't have any of my own, I might just as well enjoy them at second-hand."

She loved her part-time job. It gave her a very satisfying outlet for all her energy—much more satisfying than her frenzied housework had been. She became more serene, and happier—and, of course, the next thing she knew, she was pregnant!

Sally and Bob have three children now. "And the moral is," Sally told me gaily, "that when you want something desperately, sometimes the worst thing you can do is to concentrate on it. Sometimes you just have to drop it, and get busy in other directions."

—ANNE HEYWOOD

Continuing the series on LONELY WIVES—for every woman and her husband.

When A Young Mother Looks For Company...

By EILEEN ASCROFT

THE last wife you would expect to be lonely is the mother of a young family. But she is, very often.

Her life may be busy enough, with the day-to-day chores of raising small children, but she can still be starved for companionship.

And perhaps, because she is so young and is used to the friendly atmosphere of office life she feels her isolation all the more.

She can't get out in the afternoons, to go shopping or to a cinema, because she can't leave the babies. She can't lunch with a friend in town or visit the half-dresser, for the same reason. Often she has to stay in with them at nights while her husband goes out alone.

No wonder she begins to feel like a depressed little drudge-of-all-work.

Needs a break

Even the sweetest baby in the world looks sweeter when you've had a break from his company, and there's nothing like the unbroken prattle of small children for fraying the nerves.

In America and Australia I saw some interesting schemes organised by groups of young mothers themselves.

The difference they had made in the lives of the women concerned was remarkable. And I am sure that for thousands of mothers elsewhere, too, they could bring the same sense of fun, and freedom into daily living.

Garden City, Long Island, is a pretty, neat suburb of New York. Homes are mostly modern, with small, trim gardens, that make an ideal family setting.

Domestic help, even that of a daily woman is expensive and difficult to obtain. So all the burden of cooking, washing, housework and caring for the children falls on the housewife.

One of my friends, who has settled there, invited me to her house to see at work the little club which she had formed with four young neighbours.

It was her day to cook lunch for all five mothers and their children. This she didn't mind taking pains about, because, as she explained to me, it only fell to her turn once a week. The other days she went to each house in turn.

When babies and mothers arrived, the children had their meal first round the big kitchen table. Then each one curled up in a different coloured blanket and mattress on the sitting-room floor to sleep.

The mothers were free to enjoy a drink together and a cheerful meal in the dining-room, with time for a chat over a cup of coffee and a cigarette.

Nursery tea

The day I was invited to lunch they were making plans to extend their help one-another scheme. Each was planning to have all the children for nursery tea once a week to give the others the chance of an hour or two free for shopping, a visit to the hairdresser or for their own hobbies.

There were many minor advantages about these young mothers' enterprise. They told me they passed round the older children's clothes to the younger ones and all saved money by this system. And if they were worried about a fretful baby or

some childish ailment, they found it a great comfort and reassurance to be able to talk it over with their friends.

In Australia I was interested to find a similar scheme at work in one of the suburbs of Sydney.

Three mothers of young families had each put up extra bunks in their nurseries so that they could take their neighbours' children for the night and give the parents a chance to get out together.

Shared fun

In this way they could even manage an occasional week-end, free from the children, to visit friends or relatives.

The children all seemed to love the idea and regarded it as huge fun.

This dormitory scheme is perhaps the most important of the two, because it enables young married couples to go out together and enjoy themselves away from the responsibilities of their homes.

Shared fun, in the early days, is just as important to a marriage as shared responsibility and work. It rins out the wrinkles and sugars some of the bitter pills.

And it prevents husband and wife from growing away from one another during the important formative years of their marriage.

TOMORROW: Fifty Is Not The Time For Regrets

A Delightful Book For Children

"THE New Rupert," a Daily Express annual which has just been published, consists of five exciting adventures of Rupert, the little bear of Nutwood, and various interesting features including puzzles and games for little children.

Like the preceding Rupert adventures, the stories are told in simple prose and illustrated with colourful pictures.

The first two adventures take place in the neighbourhood of Nutwood, but in the subsequent stories, Rupert travels very far. He visits the strange Coon Island, inhabited by little gesticulating, darkies, with spiky hair, goes underground touring the land of the imps; and finally flies to China on the back of a dragon.

One of the lovely drawings is that of Rupert's Woodland Friends. As the title suggests, it is a picture of cute little animals in the verdant woods: an innocent-looking fawn peeping from behind a tree near which a hedgehog sits now; a squirrel perching on a branch; ducks paddling in the stream with open wings; and a long-legged hare squinting... On the opposite page are sketches of the different animals with their names and habits described underneath.

"The New Rupert" is on sale at the SCMP at \$3 per copy.

Smart Sportswear



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

NIFTY new items in sportswear include such ideas as a neat little low-necked cotton knit blouse in navy with a buttoned front band of white. Matching coverup below is in novelty stitch cotton knit with navy rib knit edges and cuffs. A nice two-piece for sportswear. Shorter than the popular Bermuda shorts, but not scant by any means, these tailored shorts of cotton corduroy are in navy with many types of top. Adjustable waist and all pockets.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Everybody Has Gone Out

—They're All Taking Naps Under the Maple—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY the Stuffed Bear and Knarf the shadow-boy with the turned-about name decided it was a fine day for visiting all their friends.

"Yes," said Knarf to Teddy, as they both started to cross the garden toward the meadow on the other side of the stone wall, "it certainly is a wonderful day."

Sunny Day

"The sun is shining," said Teddy. "There aren't any clouds in the sky. The air is fresh and warmish. It's the sort of day you feel like stretching out on the grass under a shady tree and taking a nice, long nap."

Knarf thought this was a wonderful idea too. "Let's take one," he said.

"Oh no," said Teddy. "Let's visit our friends. We said we would. Let's do it."

Knarf agreed that Teddy was right and they both continued across the meadow until they came to the stump of an old apple tree. They walked around the stump several times until finally they noticed the doorknob with the sign above it reading: B. MOLE.

They were just about to ring the bell when Teddy said: "Look at this! It's a note!"

Sure enough, that's what it was! Knarf read it aloud.

OUT FOR THE AFTERNOON Blinky M.

"Well, that's too bad," said Teddy. "I didn't think Blinky Mole ever went out anywhere."

A Woodland Bench

They continued on across the meadow till they reached the Pine Tree Grove. They walked way inside the Grove and stopped at last in front of a rather large and comfortable footstool.

"My goodness," said Teddy, "Willy Toad should be sitting here! This is his usual sitting-at-home-place."

There was no sign of Willy Toad anywhere in spite of the fact that Knarf and Teddy both walked around the footstool several times. At last, however, just under the top of the footstool, Knarf discovered a note which he also read aloud:

BACK LATER Willy T.

"Now isn't that a shame?" said Teddy. "I never knew so many of our friends to be out on the same day."

But things got even worse. On visiting the homes of Blackie Beetle (under a rock), Glive Snail (under the raspberry bush), Christopher Cricket (near the pond), they found that these three friends were out, for the afternoon, too.

"Positively disgusting," said Teddy the Stuffed Bear. "It isn't fair for your friends not to be home when you come to visit them."



"Look at this! It's a note!" said Teddy the Stuffed Bear.

But where are they all? asked Knarf.

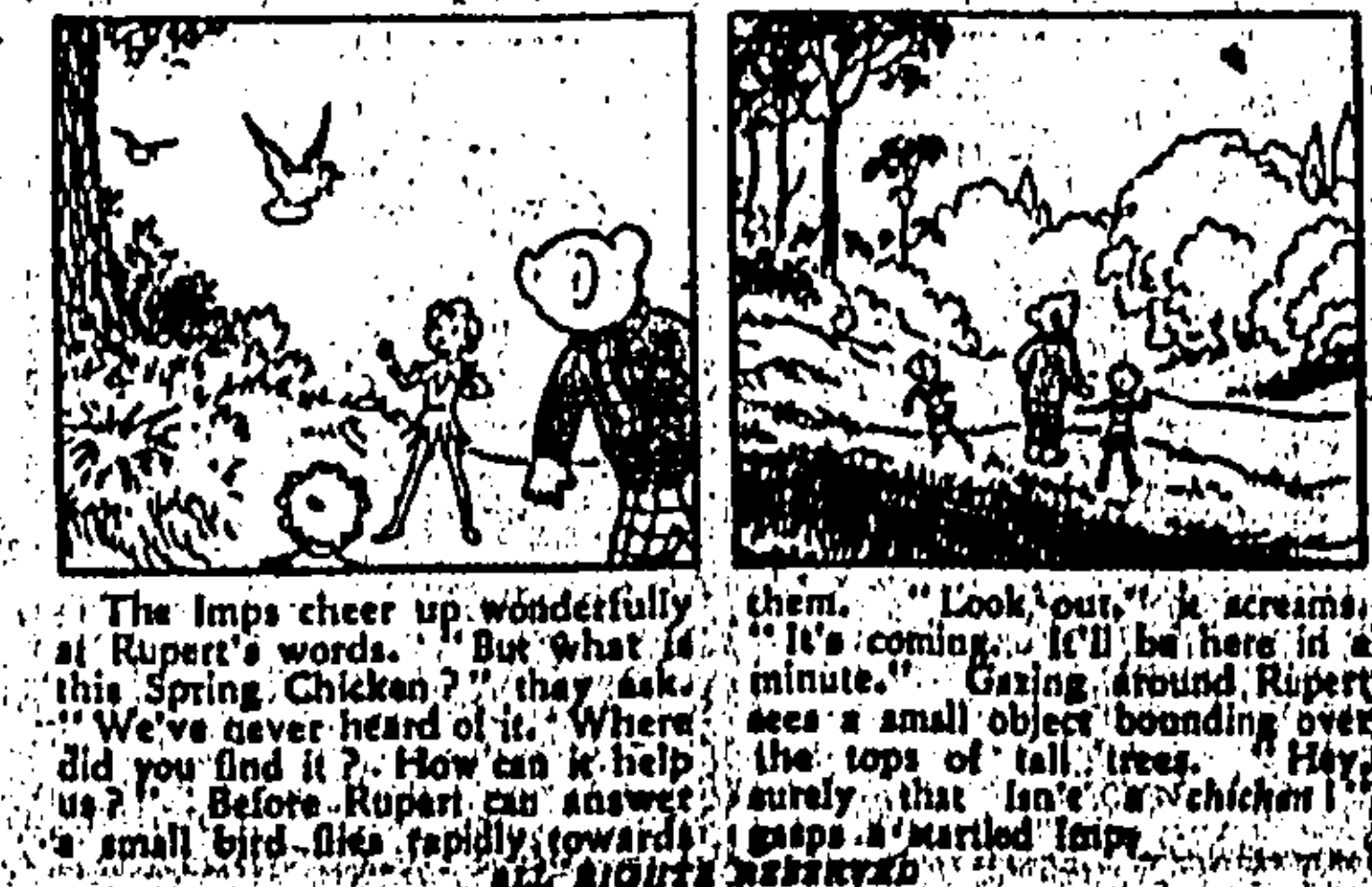
A Community Nap

They found them all when they went to visit to the home of their last friend, Squirrel Squirrel, who lived in a hollow branch half way up the Maple Tree. Stretched under the tree were Blinky Mole, Willy Toad, Blackie Beetle, Glive the Snail, Christopher Cricket and Squirrel Squirrel himself.

Blinky Mole explained everything in these words: "It's a beautiful day for a nap. So we're all taking it."

What else could Knarf and Teddy the Stuffed Bear do? They stretched out beside their friends and took a nap, too.

Rupert and the Spring Chicken—39



The imps cheer up wonderfully at Rupert's words. "But what is this Spring Chicken?" they ask. "We've never heard of it. Where do you find it? How can it help us?" Before Rupert can answer, a small bird flies rapidly towards them. "Look out!" it screams. "It's coming! It'll be here in a minute." Gazing around Rupert sees a small object bounding over the top of tall trees. "That's surely that imp's chicken!" he gasps, a worried look on his face.

DERBYSHIRE CRASH TO DEFEAT BY 10 WICKETS AGAINST GLAMORGAN

London, Aug. 30.

Derbyshire, once so near winning the Championship, crashed to defeat at home in two days, when Glamorgan triumphed by 10 wickets. A devastating spell of swing bowling by Watkins, who took seven for 28, including four wickets in five balls, led to Derbyshire's eclipse.

Derbyshire were all out in 90 minutes for 58 after being 40 behind on the first innings. The extra half hour was claimed and Glamorgan easily scored the runs necessary to save play going into the third day. Watkins had been Glamorgan's top scorer with 51 and he needs only two more wickets to complete the double of a thousand runs and a hundred wickets.

Surrey, with the Championship in their keeping, are not having the best of the argument with Lancashire, who have already secured first innings points. Northamptonshire, after leading Nottinghamshire on the first innings, lost four second innings wickets cheaply to level up matters.

The day's batting honours went to Gloucestershire who entered the 5th hundred mainly because of hard hitting of Young, 141, Milton 135 and Graveney 93.

Arthur Page returned to the Kent side today after a month's absence through injury and hit his first century of the season.

He hit 18 fours and the fine knock was largely responsible for Kent gaining first innings points against Leicestershire, who are now certain to finish in one of the bottom two places in the Championship table.

Somerset, at present below them, are still some way from avoiding an innings defeat by Hampshire although they did better in their second knock after following on with arrears of 210.

Essex, third from the bottom, did well to gain first innings points against Sussex, but then suffered an alarming collapse, losing half their wickets for 30 runs, which leaves them only 74 runs ahead.

More tragic, however, was a mishap to Trevor Bailey, the England all-rounder, who split the palm of his hand when taking a slip catch. He had to visit the hospital to have the wound stitched.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At the Oval: Surrey 128 and 210 for nine (Clark 78), Lancashire 100 (Washbrook not out 58, Laker, right-arm off-spin, six for 41).

At Scarborough: Yorkshire beat the Canadian Touring Team by 249 runs. Yorkshire 285 and 245 for four (Sutcliffe 88, Watson 52), Canadians 154 and 107.

At Bristol: Warwickshire 211 and 40 for one, Gloucestershire 419 for six declared (Graveney 93, Young 141, Milton 135).

At Bournemouth: Hampshire 370 for eight declared, Somerset 100 and 108 for one.

At Hove: Essex 272 and 30 for five, Sussex 228 (Campbridge 73, Sutcliffe 75, Trevor Bailey, right-arm fast-medium, four for 52).

At Chesterfield: Glamorgan beat Derbyshire by 10 wickets. Derbyshire 156 and 58 (Watkins left-arm medium, seven for 28), Glamorgan 190 (Watkins 51) and 21 for no wicket.

At Nottingham: Northamptonshire 333 and 52 for four, Nottinghamshire 261 (Broadrick, left-arm slow, five for 64).

At Leicester: Leicestershire 287 and 120 for six, Kent 317 (Fagg 130, Pettiford 84).

PAKISTAN TOUR

At the close of play today, Pakistan had made 167 for five wickets in their second innings on the second day of their match against Middlesex. They had scored 303 in their first innings to which Middlesex replied with 173.

Pakistan made a bad start to their second innings, two wickets falling for 10 runs, but then Alimuddin and Masood Ahmed punished the bowling and put on 114 for the third wicket before Masood was caught. Alimuddin continued to defy the attack, which however met with further successes so that half the side was out for 167 when stumps were drawn.

Alimuddin was smartly taken at the wicket for a splendid 85, ten minutes from the close.

With one day left, Pakistan lead by 255 with five wickets to fall and Middlesex to bat again.

But for a first wicket stand by two of their youngest players, Bennett and Titmus, Middlesex might already have lost because they came together when four wickets had fallen for 60 and stayed to see the score reach 150 before they were parted. Bennett later claimed two of the five Pakistan wickets which fell apart from making a catch off the bowling of Titmus.

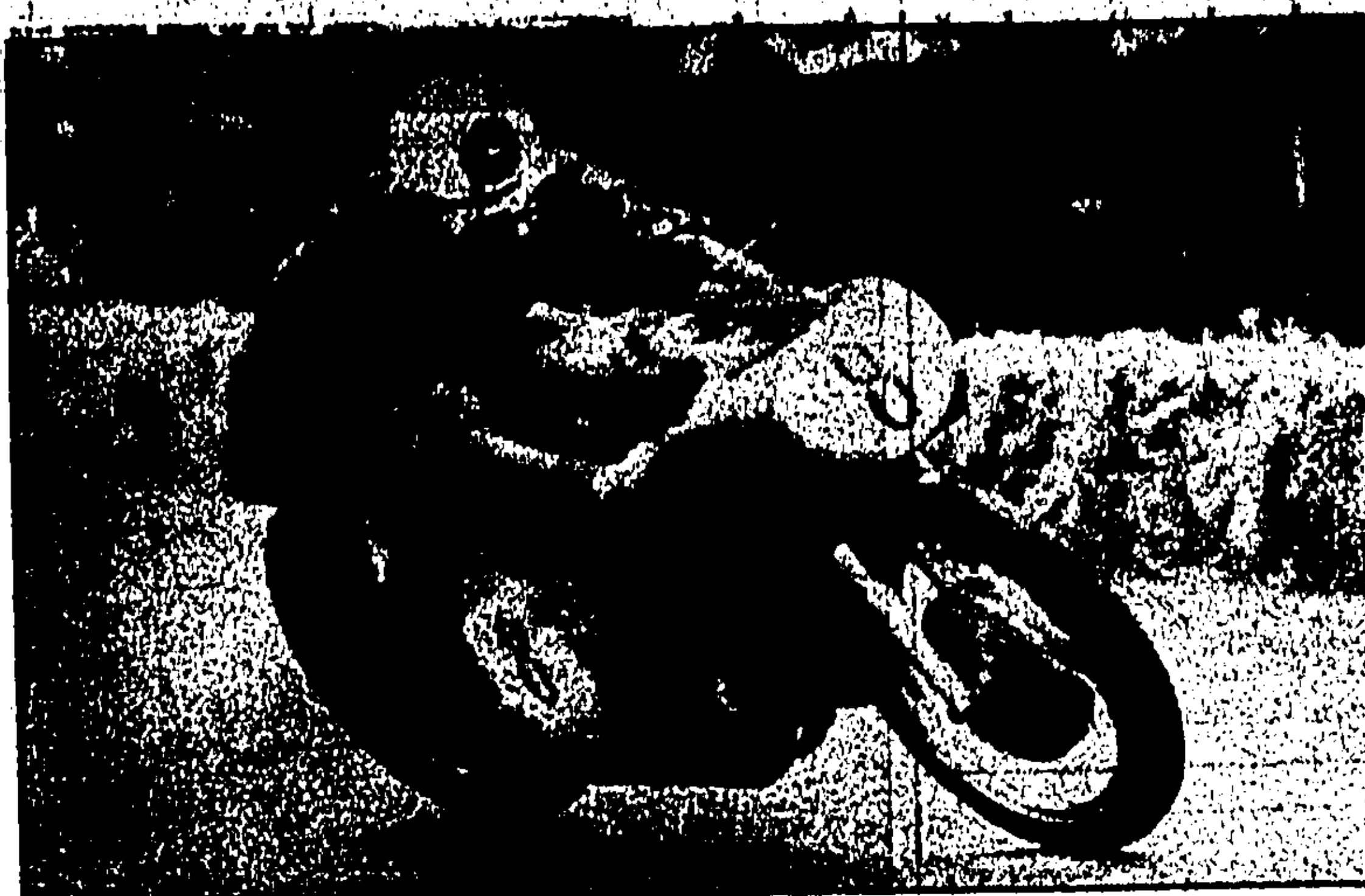
Titmus may have enjoyed some luck in his not out 54, but Bennett's stay of just over two hours for 50 was faultless, his driving and cutting being particularly good. The day had started badly for Middlesex with Edrich dismissed in the first over and Davies unable to bat because of a recurrence of an old back trouble.

Shujauddin bowled unchanged for over three hours and claimed four wickets for 66 while the 17-year-old leg break bowler, Khalid Hassan, helped to hasten the end of Middlesex attack, taking three wickets in ten balls without conceding a run.

Pakistan made a bad start, but a third wicket partnership, full of aggression, between Alimuddin and Masood Ahmed, which put on 114 in 80 minutes, blunted the Middlesex attack.

On the way to score, Alimuddin passed his 1,000 runs for the tour, the fourth Pakistan batsman to do so.

GROFF DUKE WINS AT BERNE



Geoffrey Duke, of Britain, riding a Gilera, who again added to his international reputation by winning the Grand Prix at Berne. His average speed was 93.78 mph.—Central Press Photo.

MR BRUNDAGE SAW

Nothing To Indicate That Russia Rules Of Amateurism

New York, Aug. 30.

International Olympic Committee President Avery Brundage, in his first press conference since returning from a three-week trip through Russia, said today that he found nothing to indicate that Russia does not observe the rules of amateurism.

Mr Brundage made the trip to investigate reports of "State amateurism"—that is, athletes wholly supported by the State who do nothing but compete in sports.

"I put the question directly to Nicolai Romanov, head of the Soviet Department of Physical Education," said Mr Brundage. "I showed him numerous clippings from newspapers in several countries, all saying that Russian athletes were State amateurs."

"Romanov, in an official statement, assured me that there were no violations of amateur rules, and I saw nothing during my trip to lead me to question his statement."

"As far as I can determine, very few if any of the Russians are full-time athletes. The great mass work or go to school. Of course, there undoubtedly are some abuses in Russia as there are in all countries. Everywhere in the world I am reminded of the American college football scholarships and asked if that is pure amateur sport."

Mr Brundage, a Chicago hotel magnate who formerly was President of the U.S. Olympic Committee, paid his own round-trip fare to Moscow, and then was taken on the three-week tour of Russia accompanied by an interpreter.

"Russia has risen rapidly in world sport because it has tremendous interest in all sports," he said. "Remember, Russia does not have the facilities many other nations have. It doesn't have the automobiles, radio, television, and roads some other countries have."

FILLS THE VACUUM

"Sports competition fills this vacuum. It is a tremendous honour to be a sports champion in Russia and everybody parti-

HKFA MEETING

The Hongkong Football Association Council will hold a meeting at the Association's offices on Monday, September 6, at 5.45 p.m. when, among other items on the agenda, it will consider applications for re-affiliation from Little Sai Wan and the RAMC, and for affiliation from Watson's.

Cambridge Crew Leaves For Japan

London, Aug. 31. The Cambridge University rowing crew which is to tour Japan left London by air last night for Singapore. There were 12 in the party.

For instance, there are 300,000 competing gymnasts in Russia. It is easy to understand why they produce so many good ones.

"Nonetheless, Romanov assured me that education and work still come ahead of sports, and I saw nothing to indicate that is not true. The people compete in sports after they have done their work, or after their classes in school."

Russia has indicated a desire to be host to the Olympic Games sometime soon, and Mr Brundage was asked about that.

"Eighteen cities from 12 nations have shown interest in being host in 1960," he said. "Formal applications are to be presented to the IOC meeting next spring."

Melbourne, Australia, will be host in 1956.—United Press.

EDWARD MAY Tells His Story:

How I Tried To Swim The Channel Alone

By ANTHONY BROWN

Seventeen-stone Mr Edward May, the first man to try to swim the English Channel alone, failed—after eight hours in the sea and within sight of England.

Mr May, father of nine children, of Baker Street, Oldbury, Birmingham, was beaten by a sudden squall.

He was picked up by a Finnish timber steamer and brought back to Calais. Then a search in which two French Navy destroyers, a helicopter, aircraft, merchant shipping, and coastguards had combined was called off.

The search was started after the French authorities had failed to dissuade the 6ft. 11in. blunderbuss engineer from making his "fantastic journey."

Mr May, wearing ragged seaman's trousers and a plaid sports shirt given to him by the crew of the Finnish steamer, told me as he paddled along the cobblestones of Calais to his hotel, the story of his lone attempt.

"I'd show them!" "Nobody organising long-distance swimming competitions in England would give me the opportunity to swim the Channel," he said. "I wanted to show them that I could do it without their assistance."

"Then I constructed from a blown-up motor-cycle inner tube a panner. Before I went into the sea today I put into the panner—built out of a toffee tin—a compass, two bottles of rum, sliced chicken, sugar, and biscuits."

"I swam for another hour and then I saw ahead of me the white cliffs of Dover. My confidence was even greater."

"After about five hours I decided I wanted something to eat. So I pulled in the tray—and found the chicken and biscuits had been washed away by the sea. The bottles of rum were still there and I took a long drink."

"I swam for another hour and then I saw ahead of me the white cliffs of Dover. My confidence was even greater."

"The sun was shining, the skies were clear. There was no rain. Then, suddenly, the weather changed. The skies went black, the surface of the sea was ruffled by the wind, and rain started."

"I decided to swim back to France. I swam for about two hours and then over the horizon I saw the masts of a ship."

"I shouted and waved and the steamer came alongside. By this time the sea was so rough that they could not pull me aboard a lifeboat. Instead they tied a rope around me and pulled me aboard."

HKFC Take 32-Point Lead In The Valley Trophy Competition

Hongkong Football Club took a 32-point lead in the opening match of the Valley Trophy competition yesterday by beating Craigengower Cricket Club by 137 shots to 105.

This new competition has been made possible through the generosity of Messrs. Leighton Garrahy Ltd., who have donated the Valley Trophy to be competed for by the three Valley clubs, Craigengower, Hongkong Football Club and Police Recreation Club.

It will be played on a two-round home and away system with each team putting up a maximum of six and a minimum of four rinks, with the provision that a ladies' rink be also included if possible.

The winners will be the team scoring the highest aggregate difference at the end of the competition.

Although the spirit of keen rivalry was inevitably there in yesterday's match, it was eclipsed by the carefree bowling of both sides and the good fellowship of all those who took part.

The lady bowlers stole the spotlight in their one-rink match, and commanded quite a huge gallery of enthusiastic supporters and potential bowlers on the side-lines.

The Football Club rink with such experienced bowlers as Mrs. S. McCall and Mrs. B. Greenwood proved just that shade too good for the Craigengower quartet of Lily Hong Choy, Irene Souza, S. Rossetti and Betty Fox.

The losers, however, did extremely well to lose by a margin of only 11 shots. The keenness worked up in this competition seems to assure the Colony Ladies' League of at least two new entries this year. The Police will probably do their best to put up a ladies' rink and make up the third Valley team to take part in the Valley Ladies' League as well.

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Division Lawn Bowls League match yesterday, climbed up the ladder to displace Craigengower and challenge Kowloon Cricket Club.

They did not win easily, however, as the Filipino Club bowlers gave them a hard fight and only succumbed by 11 shots.

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Moore-Maxim Match May Draw More Than \$200,000

New York, Aug. 30.

Fabulous Jack Kearns said today the Archie Moore-Joe Maxim heavyweight title fight at Omaha's Coliseum, on October 6 or 13, will draw more than \$200,000.

He added, "The whole state of Nebraska will be behind the show because it features Omaha's Centennial Celebration."

And he elaborated for folks who thought the television money will be "about 50 grand."

Kearns' enthusiasm for the new fight encounter is understandable for two reasons. He manages ex-champ Maxim of Cleveland, and, secondly, the man who picked Jack Dempsey, Mickey Walker, etc., is ultra-enthusiastic about any project with which he is associated.

The Moore-Maxim bout has not been announced yet, but the match apparently has been made. The Champion's manager, Charlie Johnston, admits, "I have agreed for Moore to defend at Omaha in early October if the terms are right. And I'm sure Maxim will be the challenger. After all, he's the top contender now."

Maxim, who had been number two contender, moved back to the top not long ago. Then 37-year-old Moore stopped first-ranking Harold Johnson of Philadelphia in the 14th round at Madison Square Garden.

"SERIOUS STAGE"

Promoter Jim Norris said negotiations for the Omaha fight had reached the serious stage; but he added that both Maxim and Jimmy Shale of New York were being considered as challengers.

Norris would co-promote with Bernard Boyle, Chairman of the Omaha Centennial Sports Committee, and promoter Max Clayton of Omaha.

Neither Johnston nor Kearns would admit having discussed terms with the Omaha representatives; but a person close to the negotiations said Moore would be assured of "at least \$50,000" for his defence.

Maxim would fight for a percentage.

This fourth title meeting between undefeated Moore of Miami and ex-champ Joey, 32, would be almost as much of a road show as the fifth fight between Moore and Johnson.

THREE FOR ARCHIE

Ancient Archie has won three consecutive title decisions over Cleveland's well known delinquent store proprietor. He took the 175-pound crown from Joey at St. Louis, Dec. 17, 1952, and he defeated Joey at Miami, June 24, 1953, and at Miami last January 27.

The O'Grady fight was very close. Joey was floored twice in the Miami meeting.

Meanwhile Norris admitted he was giving Moore serious consideration as a contender for Rocky Marciano's heavyweight crown, if Rocky keeps his blunder in his fight with Ezzard Charles at Yankee Stadium, on September 15.

"We must now rank Moore along with Nino Valdes (of Cuba) and Don Cockell (of England) as a formidable heavyweight contender," Big Jim said.

Marciano's manager, Al Weill, agreed. Weill said, "Moore stopped Johnson and Johnson had beaten both Valdes and Charles. That makes Archie a pretty good heavyweight."

Moore received \$30,400 for his first fight in the Garden recently. Johnson got \$15,235.—United Press.

German Athletes To Tour Japan

Berlin, Aug. 30. Heinz Fuchter, winner of the 100 Metres and 200 Metres sprint in the European Athletics Championships here, is included in Germany's track and field team to visit Japan, it was announced today.

It is a strong all-star team which also contains Oberbeck, runner-up in the European Decathlon.

Others included are Haal, Gelsner, Loeg, Kuhn, Lauer, Ullrich, Schade, Lauer, Oetgen, Steinkamp, Keller and Bitt.

The party will be headed by the Chairman of the German Athletic Federation, Dr. Hans. The coach will be Dr. Wilhelm.



IN FROZEN FOODS THE BEST BUY IS ALWAYS BIRDS EYE

Sir Malcolm Sargent And Paul Beard



Sir Malcolm Sargent, chief conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra, which is often heard in the British Broadcasting Corporation's General Overseas Service, discusses a point with Paul Beard, who has been its leader since 1936. Sir Malcolm, a violinist who is known all over the world and who has travelled to most parts of it, was born in Lincolnshire nearly sixty years ago, although he looks a full ten years younger.—(B.B.C. Photo).

Big Reduction In Strength Of Greek Army

Athens, Aug. 30.

Two main considerations prompted the Greek Government's decision to cut down the numerical strength of the army from 134,000 men to a probable 75,000.

They were:

1. The urgent need to stop the drain on Greece's budgetary resources, because, expenditure absorbing a large part of Greek revenue, the economic development of the country is being seriously retarded.

2. The considerable improvement in security conditions in the Balkan area, and particularly along Greece's northern border.

A total of some 32,000 officers and men are due to be released from the army. When the first batch of 12,000 of these was released at the end of June, it was stated that the army's firepower would not be reduced and adequate reserves would be built up.

Greek officials and United States advisers disagree on the total sum which is being spent each year by Greece on defence.

Mr Athanasios Kapsalis, the Greek Minister for Economic Co-ordination, claimed in a recent statement that with military appropriations amounting to 4,175 million new drachmas (about £50,000,000), not less than 56 per cent of Greece's budgetary income was spent on defence in the year 1953-54.

American Mission experts question these figures. Defence expenditure, according to their calculations, does not exceed 33.9 per cent of Greek revenue.

The difference is due to the fact that the Greek Minister includes under the heading of "military expenditure" such budgetary appropriations as ex-servicemen's pensions and internal security. The United States experts claim that these are not related to what they describe as "future defence". They also say that the 700,000,000 new drachmas covered by American Aid should be deducted from Mr Kapsalis' total.

A cut in the size of Greek land forces, which have been kept on a semi-war footing ever since the defeat of the Communist rebellion in 1949 was already envisaged by this Government's predecessor.

In the early stages of his 18 months old administration, Field Marshal Papagos stubbornly opposed any motions in favour of diminishing army strength in order to increase Greece's resources earmarked for economic rehabilitation.

Rejecting the Opposition's suggestions for some such step, he stated: "As long as the Communist satellites maintain such strong armies, in defiance of the Peace Treaties, we are not prepared to reduce our army even by a single man."

The achievement of some balance between military expenditure and other needs had also been urged by some of Greece's friends.

In May 1952, Field Marshal Montgomery during a visit to Athens, suggested in a public statement, that every member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation should measure its defence expenditure in proportion to its real economic potential.

He recommended that instead of maintaining a large number of poorly equipped, low strength divisions, it was preferable to have a few divisions at full strength who could meet the first shock of any attack while well-trained and adequately equipped reserves were being mobilised.

Lord Montgomery's statement was misinterpreted in Greece. At that time, right-wing politicians and newspapers, criticised him, declaring that he was acting more as British Field Marshal than as the Deputy Supreme Commander of North Atlantic Treaty forces in Europe.

Soon, however, under the pressure of budgetary requirements and with the prospect of ever diminishing American economic aid, Field Marshal Papagos had to revise his views.

He himself outlined the new set-up of the Greek Army while the General Staff worked out the details of a reorganisation which, while providing for a reduction in the size of the army, preserves the fire-power and battle order of the remaining force.

A memorandum on the proposed reorganisation of the army was submitted by Field Marshal Papagos to President Eisenhower. Details of the plan were also discussed at length both by him and by the Defence Minister, Mr Kanellopoulos, with General Gruenther, Commander-in-Chief of the North Atlantic Treaty forces in Europe.

The contents of this memorandum were not disclosed. The United States Secretary of State, Mr John Edgar Dulles, recently informed Field Marshal Papagos that the United States Government agreed in principle with the plan for the reorganisation of the army although it is understood that United States military experts in Athens opposed a reshuffle to the extent planned by the Greek General Staff. In the view of these experts, the army should be maintained at a minimum of 102,000 men.

A Greek Government spokesman maintained that the Greek army could be kept at above the 100,000 limit only by means of additional aid from the United States. He also revealed that Greece had requested the United States Government to allow the supply of military equipment and arms to build up a stockpile to equip Greek reserves in an emergency. Congress legislation bans the

supply of material and equipment to reserve divisions.

The improvement in security conditions in the Balkan area which, according to the Greek authorities permits a substantial reduction in the size of the army, can be summed up as follows:

1. Greece's accession to full partnership in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation;

2. The signature of the Ankara Treaty between Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia, which is on its way to becoming a strong regional defence alliance;

3. The Greek-American agreement of October 1953, which authorises the United States to use military facilities on Greek territory and;

4. The restoration of peace along Greece's frontiers with Communist-dominated Bulgaria and Albania.

Until last year, the situation along Greece's northern borders was troubled and marked by frequent border incidents.

This year, however, conditions have so improved that United Nations observers, posted there for many years, have been recalled at the request of the Greek Government.—China Mail Special.

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Mme Chiang Addresses Legion

Washington, Aug. 31.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek said today that countless determined Chinese on the mainland as well as on Formosa opposed the Communist regime in China.

Madame Chiang told the National Convention of the American Legion, an ex-servicemen's organisation, "We Chinese will not be slaves long, this I promise you. We shall break chains that cut and wound us. For there are countless living and determined heres on the mainland as well as on Formosa."

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U.S. Business Expected To Hold Steady

Washington, Aug. 30.

Government economists expect business to hold steady at about present levels for the next six weeks or so and then to pick up.

But some non-Government economists and union leaders say that the pickup may fall short of the levels necessary for a growing and expanding national economy with full employment. They contend the Eisenhower Administration should be spending more on public works and defence, and taxing less.

President Eisenhower recently said the business decline has been halted and that an upswing appears in prospect.

"Latest Commerce Department reports reveal a promising picture of the economy," Commerce Secretary Sinclair Weeks told the United Press. "Business confidence is evident throughout the nation. The autumn outlook certainly appears good."

Walter Reuther, president of the CIO, said in a statement for the United Press that the Administration has not done enough to insure prosperity.

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Construction has been the only business activity that has far outstripped 1953.

Most other economic fields have been following predictions closely and operating at levels between those of 1953 and 1952.

Personal Income — Ran at annual rate of \$285,000,000,000 in first half of this year, about \$800,000,000 above first six months of 1953.

Inventories — Totalled \$78,250,000 at end of June, down \$1,750,000,000 from a year ago. President Eisenhower has urged the cleanup in inventories, as a main cause of the business dip.

The recent decline in stocks paves the way for new orders to factories for replacements.

Sales — They have been holding at fairly high levels, with some exceptions, particularly in durable goods — at factory, wholesale and retail levels. But sales overall have been somewhat lower than a year ago. A recent private survey indicates that consumers probably will increase purchases of automobiles and other durable goods, such as refrigerators.

Gross National Product — The total production of all goods and services edged up slightly in the second quarter of this year to an annual rate of \$356,000,000,000. This was encouraging to Government economists because the rate had shown successive declines for the preceding three quarters.

ANNOUNCEMENT POLICY

President Eisenhower's refusal to sanction proposed tariff boosts on lead and zinc imports despite strong Congressional and trade opposition was generally hailed as fresh evidence that he has not turned his back on his announced policy to promote world trade.

Some clerks felt that the President's most recent tariff decision reflected his strong desire to avoid tariff boosts, especially where alternative methods of alleviating hardship on domestic industries are available.

The President authorised Government purchases up to 200,000 tons of lead and 200,000 tons of zinc in the current fiscal year after the tariff Commission had recommended tariff rates increases ranging to nearly two cents on various types of lead and zinc imports. Thirty-two senators and a lead-zinc trade organisation asked for tariff boosts. The fact that the President authorised a stockpiling programme despite his known opposition to Government support programmes was taken as an added indication of his attitude.

Elsewhere this week: Budget-conscious American housewives, gloomily eyed the recent ten-cent drop in coffee prices, received more good news this week. This time the glad tidings came from the wholesale food markets, where prices plummeted to the lowest level in seven months. The Dun & Bradstreet index, representing the total wholesale price per pound of 31 foods in common use, dropped to \$9.89, off 18 cents from the previous week, and the lowest level since January 6.

Petrol stocks were lowered last week by 1,351,000 barrels as continued heavy summer motoring tapered, while inventories of refined oil fell.

NEW YORK SUGAR MARKET

New York, Aug. 30.

World No. 4 sugar futures closed today 1/2 to 3/4 points lower with sales of 127 contracts.

Domestic No. 8 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of nine contracts.

World futures eased under profit-taking and hedge selling in a quiet market. Domestic futures were featureless.

Future closings were:

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PRICE OF MERINO DROPS

Sydney, Aug. 30.

Values of Merinos on the Australian wool market when the new selling season opened today were 2 1/2 to 3/4 per cent lower than in June. Comebacks and crossbreeds were unchanged.

Russian interests bid only once in the first 100 lots. Like Britain, they appeared to be holding back until later this week.

European countries with the exception of France, were the major buyers, followed by Britain, though she did not buy freely despite what experts called the suitability of the wools for British needs.

JAPS BUYING

There was strong buying by local mills and Japan. At least 20 Japanese were in a near record crowd of spectators.

Russia boycotted the market from April until June, following the break in Soviet-Australian relations when the Soviet Embassy official, Vladimir Petrov, and his wife, were granted asylum in Australia.

An Embassy official announcing the boycott in April said that 200,000 tons of wool this year bought 60,000 bales of Australian wool.—China Mail Special.

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CHILEAN COPPER

Santiago, Aug. 30.

The Central Bank reported today that this year's entire production of Chilean copper, estimated at 300,000 tons, has been sold.

The Bank, which controls all Chilean copper sales, said next year's production was estimated at between 300,000 and 440,000 tons.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$300,702. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

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DEATH OF AN ACTRESS DEFENCE CASE OPENS IN MURDER TRIAL

The Defence case opened at the Criminal Sessions this morning in the trial of Lo Ko, 44, unregistered doctor, and his 17-year-old daughter, Law Kin-lin, both charged with murder, when the first accused entered the witness box.

He testified that a Prosecution witness who had been granted the Queen's Pardon was the one who suggested introducing patients to him (the accused) at their first meeting in 1951.

The doctor and his daughter were arraigned before Mr Justice J. R. Grogg accused of the murder of a young film actress, Ng Sui-ping, alias Ng Ngai-yeung, on May 15 at 70 Junction Road, Hong Kong City, where the accused lived.

Mr Patrick Yu is defending, both accused, instructed by Mr Francis H. B. Wong of Messrs. C. Y. Kwai and Co., Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting, assisted by Deputy Inspector Judge-Cliffingham.

First accused was alleged to have performed a criminal abortion on the deceased, which allegedly resulted in her death. His daughter was accused of assisting him in the operation.

In running up the Crown's case this morning, Mr Rea told the jury they had to decide whether the first accused committed an abortion on the deceased, and whether his daughter assisted him in it.

Then, he went on, the jury must decide whether the first accused could have contemplated a likelihood of a risk of grievous bodily harm or death, being involved in the operation. If the jury found in the affirmative, then in his submission they should find the doctor guilty of murder.

Regarding the second accused, Crown Counsel said the jury must be satisfied that she knew what the doctor was doing, that she knew the abortion was being performed.

If the jury was satisfied that she realised there was a likelihood of grievous bodily harm or death resulting in the operation, then they must find her guilty of murder. If not, then, he submitted, she should be found guilty of manslaughter.

Mr Rea submitted there was a wealth of evidence to show there was a criminal abortion. He said the evidence adduced by the Crown must be taken as a whole, and there could be no doubt that the first accused did in fact perform such an abortion.

The first accused was then called to the witness box by Defence Counsel.

HAS 4 CHILDREN
Lo told the Court he was married and had four children. The second accused was the eldest. He graduated from the Nanyang University in medicine in 1935. After two years at work in hospitals, he went to Shanghai to practice as a general practitioner and surgeon. During the War, he continued his practice in Chungking. After the War, he returned to Shanghai to resume his practice.

He was neither an eye-specialist nor a gynaecologist, witness went on. In 1950 he came to Hong Kong with his family for political reasons. Since then he had not been too happy with his wife. But they continued to stay under the same roof for the sake of the children.

IN SEPARATE ROOMS
His wife and himself stayed in different rooms at 70 Junction Road. However, when common friends called, they would entertain them together. Apart from these occasions, they were hardly on speaking terms with one another.

His first met Wong Yuk-fong in December 1951 at a friend's place. He (witness) had gone there to attend to that friend's son, and had been introduced to Wong. In a conversation that ensued, Wong asked him where his clinic was. He said he had none.

Lo said he in turn asked Wong—who had been introduced to him as a herbalist—where his clinic was, and whether he was practising. Wong told him he had no clinic and was therefore not practising.

Wong asked him what his specialty was. He replied that he was a general medical practitioner. Wong then told him: "As one doctor to another, I feel we should mutually consult and contact so as to take up

When patients are available we can introduce them to one another."

Witness said that before Wong told him this, he had said to Wong that he was not a licensed doctor in Hong Kong.

He gave Wong his address, which was in Prince Edward Road at the time.

A little over a month afterwards, Wong came to see him in his home. Wong told him he would like him to see a patient. He accordingly went with Wong, and attended a patient. Several days after, Wong gave him some money.

After that, Wong called at his home frequently bringing patients with him. Sometimes, Wong sent for him to go and see the patients. There were all kinds of patients. There was no definite fee.

Usually, Lo went on, the cost price of the medicines used would be deducted from the fee paid by the patient. Of the remaining sum, he would pay 40 per cent to Wong, and keep the remainder.

Heading is proceeding.

Officials intervened to prevent a fight between a pro-EDC Socialist Deputy, Emile Dubois, and Gaullist Jean Nocher, an ex-EDC opponent of EDC.

The Speaker was trying to get on with routine business including the second reading of a number of minor bills, but the excitement was such that he could not make himself heard. He violently rang the bell which the Speaker has as one of the means for restoring order and urging a minute of relative calm, he announced that the session was adjourned until tomorrow.

M. Mendes-France told Reuters later: "The Western world is now faced with a new situation."

"We must obviously get together and build something new. This will be done."

He would not say what he had in mind, but he added: "There will not be much time for holidays."

M. Mendes-France made the following official statement in the lobbies tonight:

"Among the Deputies who voted either for or against the European Defence Community tonight, there are a majority who want an Atlantic pact."

"It is within this framework that a solution must be found—and found rapidly. This time we shall not procrastinate for three years."

The Premier told reporters: "I want to make it clear that the vote of the Assembly rejecting EDC does not apply to the Bonn agreement (the conventions restoring West Germany's civil sovereignty)."

"The Bonn agreements will be the subject of separate consideration by the Government and the Assembly."—Reuters.

(See P. 2 Europe's reaction)

R.N. Submarine Arrives In Port

The British submarine *Telemachus* entered port this morning.

One of the 23 ships of the "C" Class, *Telemachus* is of 1,000 displacement tons. She has a surface speed of 18 knots and submerged speed of nine knots.

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Bare Tram Tracks In Des Voeux Road



This picture shows what Des Voeux Road looked like early this morning. Union pickets held up the start of Tram services for two hours when they staged a sudden strike. (Wah Kiu Yat Po photograph).

HK Soldier Home With Bride

Liverpool, Aug. 30.

Sergeant John Anderson, 22, arrived here today from the Far East in the 10,330 ton troopship *Lancashire* with his 18-year-old Chinese bride, Diana Lee.

The Sergeant, a regular soldier in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and Diana fell in love more than two years ago in Singapore.

But when he asked for a certificate to show he was single, he was posted to Hong Kong. Diana appealed to the Sergeant's father, Mr William Anderson, who lives at Morden in County Durham, to help.

Mr Anderson approached his Labour Member of Parliament, Mr Emanuel Shinwell.

And after three months in Hong Kong, the Sergeant was allowed to return to Singapore to marry. The couple will live with his parents until they get a home of their own.—China Mail Special.

SEATO Document Embarrasses Western Delegates

Manila, Aug. 31.

The American-owned newspaper Manila Bulletin today published the full text of an American draft of an Anzus type SEATO agreement immediately described by some mission members from eight nations here, who are to begin studying the draft tomorrow, as "highly embarrassing."

The Bulletin also claimed that "official circles" had yesterday admitted the United States Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, had "hinted broadly that he would not attend the SEATO conference opening here on September 6 unless he was assured that Philippine participation would not spring a surprise move during the eight-Power meeting of Foreign Ministers that might embarrass the United States."

The newspaper said: "The American threat to boycott the conference whipped the Philippine Government into line in support of a watered down collective security alliance of Southeast Asian nations."

The Bulletin said the Philippine draft was being tried to re-draft the American SEATO draft into a NATO type agreement.

Mission members, who preferred not to be named, described the Bulletin's version of the American draft SEATO agreement as "pretty right."

Accountant Gets Second Chance

Lee Chi-ho, a 36-year-old accountant, who was compelled by poor financial circumstances to steal articles to meet his family expenses, was sentenced and bound over in \$500 for two years by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Lee told Mr Lo that he was paid \$150 a month in a tailor shop, but from May to July the shop only paid him \$60 because of a business slump. Having a wife and several children to support he had to borrow money from his friends and when he could not get any more money, he was forced to steal a camera and wrist watches from his fellow folks.

Mr Lo observed since Lee was not fully paid because of the business slump, his fellow folks were likewise not fully paid.

EMPLOYER'S OFFER
Lee's employer, Chan Chom-mo, agreed that he still owed Lee two months' pay, and said that he would re-employ him as his accountant.

The stolen articles, which had been pawned for \$204, were ordered to be redeemed by Lee from his salary and to be returned to the owners.

Lee had pleaded guilty to three charges of larceny of a camera and two wrist watches from his colleagues, Ting Choy-hing and Lau Ming-chuen, at No. 381 King's Road, ground floor.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



Your wife bangs pans when you bring home an unexpected guest—mine always slams doors!

EISENHOWER'S EDC REACTION

Serious Setback To Achieve World Peace

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 30.

President Eisenhower said today "there is no disguising the fact" that French rejection of the European Defence is a "serious setback" in the combined effort of free nations to achieve a stable world peace.

The President, speaking with ex-President Herbert Hoover at his side at the Iowa State Fair, was disappointed by the action of the French Parliament today. He added, however, "The free world still is overwhelmingly strong."

He said the United States was properly dismayed by this most recent setback, but not to the point of quitting its efforts to bring peace to the people who want it.

"We shall not quit," he said. Looking at the mid-Western crowd of 20,000 before him, Mr Eisenhower said he knew the EDC defeat was a serious setback in Europe, "but when you look at the way America is represented here, how can you be fainthearted?"

He said the United States must not become "an isolated island in the sea of Communism."

"We shall not let it occur," he declared.

MUST BE SETBACKS
The chief executive reminded his audience repeatedly that in the conduct of foreign affairs there must of necessity be successes and setbacks.

The President spoke here informally shortly after a speech to the American Legion in Washington, where he proposed an increased military reserve programme to meet the ever-present threat of Russia.

Going into the deeply serious problem of the French rejection of EDC, the President listed the recent plus-marks for the free world—the Iranian oil dispute settlement, an agreement between Britain and Egypt on the Suez Canal and, more at home, the defeat of the Communist drive in Guatemala.

TASTED FREEDOM
He said the Guatemalan overthrow of a Communist regime proved again "that people who have tasted freedom will not again submit to Communist domination."

Then he turned to the French action today on EDC, calling it a "major setback." He pointed out particularly that the French Assembly in rejecting EDC rejected what originally was a French proposal.

He said the EDC was a device whereby the free world, particularly the Western European section, could establish security from any external threats without engaging in internal battles.

NO THREAT
He rejected the French fear that inclusion of the West Germans in an European Army would constitute a threat to France.

He said the Germans would have been admitted "without any danger" of their starting another war. He emphasised that EDC had the backing and faith of the United States, Great Britain and other basic

powers facing the Russian threat.

At this point he said there was no use in glossing over the fact that the French rejection on EDC was a point of sore disappointment. But he felt that the total might and productivity of the free world would see this current crisis and eventually lead to a well-founded peace.

At the Legion convention in Washington today, Mr Eisenhower said the Allies could not expect to agree on every problem and in every instance, but as long as they "hang together" on basic principles the future was relatively bright.—United Press.

Sequel To Central 'Robbery'

Wong Wai-long, 30, a dock, who had been employed in a firm for eight years, was found with a record of \$4,700 from his master, cut himself with a knife and falsely reported to the Police that he had been robbed of the money.

Pleading guilty to two charges of embezzlement and making a false report to the Police, Wong was sentenced to five months by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Described by the Police as having slight suicidal tendencies, Wong told the Court that he had nothing to say in mitigation. Questioned by Mr Lo, he said he had a wife and children support.

Defendant's employer, Leo Man-ching, said he did not intend to employ defendant again.

CUT HIMSELF
The Police said that on August 24, defendant went to the Canton Bank, Bonham Street East, and drew \$4,700 for his master. He then went to 291, Queen's Road Central, and on mounting the stairway, he cut himself with a knife. Police were summoned and defendant reported he had been robbed of his master's money and \$700 of his own. In Queen Mary Hospital, he was found to have very slight wounds and the knife, when examined, was found to have only his own finger prints. Defendant still refused to admit the truth and wished to contact his friend.

MISSING MONEY
His friend, when called by the Police, handed the Police a parcel which defendant had earlier given him for safe custody. The parcel contained the missing \$4,700.

Defendant then admitted the charges.

It was possible that defendant had slight suicidal tendencies, the Police said. When he was arrested, he told the Police that he would try to commit suicide and was carefully watched.

However, one night, he was found to have his singlet around his neck, and he explained that the wound on his neck was aching and he placed the singlet to cover it. This is a very doubtful story, the Police said.

The stolen money was ordered to be returned to the owner, Leo Man-ching.

Princess Wilhelmina Birthday
All her Majesty's warships and visiting American warships in port are flying the Netherlands flag on the occasion of the birthday anniversary of Princess Wilhelmina, mother of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands.

100 Years Ago

From Our Files

To the Editor of the "China Mail," Hong Kong, Aug. 23, 1854.

Sir,—The apathy evinced by our men-of-war in the suppression of piracy on the China waters during last year, appears somewhat remarkable, when contrasted with the zeal and activity displayed by the gallant fellows before the abolition of "blood money." Yes, Sir, to our shame be it spoken, I fear the desire of lucre was the actual principle which impelled our naval heroes to the destruction of pirates in bygone days, and their quickness of observation in detecting a suspicious craft was wonderful compared with their present obtuseness of vision in this respect. Yet these very men affect to despise the calling of a trader, and look upon the foreign mercantile community of China as a parcel of "shopkeepers." Shopkeepers, forsooth! I were bolder by far to be a strolling pedlar than to disgrace Her Majesty's honourable commission by requiring to be bribed to the execution of a duty.

Admitted, Sir, that you will not consider these remarks uncalled for at a time when the neighbouring waters swarm with freebooters, who are permitted to carry on their depredations almost under the guns of our men-of-war—I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

ONE OF THE SHOPKEEPERS.

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We were prepared for any amount of bad advice on the part of Sir George Bonham, but not for his ready adoption by the Home Government, and their entire abandonment of national honesty and good faith, as displayed in the following letter from the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs to the Chairman of the East India & China Association. Let Englishmen no longer talk of American Repudiation and Pennsylvania Bonds—we have here something which fully comports with—

Foreign Office, July 4, 1854.

Sir,—With reference to the correspondence which has passed between you and this office respecting the securities taken by Her Majesty's Consuls at Shanghai, for Duties which, in consequence of the state of affairs at that port, the Chinese authorities were themselves unable to collect—I am directed by the Earl of Clarendon to acquaint you that, after communication with Sir George Bonham, and upon a full consideration of the question in all its bearings, Her Majesty's Government have decided that those securities shall be cancelled, and returned to the parties by whom they were given, and instructions to that effect will be sent by the next mail to Her Majesty's Plenipotentiary and Chief Superintendent of British Trade in China—I am, &c.,

E. HAMMOND.

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A bungling attempt to impose upon the authorities was made on Monday, by, it is believed, the friendly of the Imperialist officer lately driven from Canton, in the form of a placard on the wall during the night. It purported to be from the Triads, offering a reward of \$100 for the head of each soldier, the head-man of the Triads, utterly ignorant of all knowledge of it, and besides offering a reward of \$100 for the detection of its authors, sent over to the police other two placards, urging his friends here to avoid all cause of offence to the Hong Kong authorities, who were at the same time coolly requested in future to hand any offenders over to him for punishment.

Mr Caldwell was sent to Cowling yesterday, with a warning message from Sir John Bowring. He estimated the Triad force there assembled at from 4,000 to 5,000 men.

The expedition against Talpoing was despatched this morning.

Dutch Frigate For U.N. Forces

The Netherlands Frigate *Van Zuij* arrived here this morning from Europe on route to join the United Nations naval forces for a tour of duty in northern waters.

The *Van Zuij*, under the command of Commander F. O. H. van Strien, is relieving the Dutch ship which has been in the Far East since last October.